

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
State Celebration Commission
for the State of Missouri
Calendar of Events*



The Year 2015

**“EMERGING LEADERS
CALLED TO ACTION:
A TIME FOR HEALING”**



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. State Celebration Commission
c/o Mrs. Constance G. Gully, Chairperson
3026 Ladelle Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63103

**“There is no easy way to create a world
where men and women can live together,
where each has his own job and house,
where all children receive as much
education as their minds can absorb. But
if such a world is created in our lifetime,
it will be done in the United States by
Negroes and white people of good will. It
will be accomplished by persons who have
the courage to put an end to suffering by
willingly suffering themselves rather than
inflict suffering upon others. It will be
done by rejecting the racism, materialism
and violence that has characterized
Western civilization and especially by
working toward a world of brotherhood,
cooperation and peace.”**

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
May 4, 1966*

Some quotations and pictures listed in this brochure are excerpts from Dr. King's speeches; others are from "Visions of Excellence – African-American Words of Inspiration." Photographs are from the following books: "He Had a Dream;" "King, the Photo Biography of Martin Luther King Jr.;" "The Story of Martin Luther King;" "The Life and Death of Martin Luther King Jr.;" and "Martin Luther King Jr."

The activities and events that are listed in this calendar represent those submitted to the Commission prior to the printing deadline.

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<p>THE 2015 COMMISSION MEMBERS FOR THE STATE OF MISSOURI</p>

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. State Celebration Commission was appointed by the governor of the state of Missouri in 1986. The specific mission of the Celebration Commission is to consider and recommend to individuals and organizations appropriate activities for the recognition and celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday in the state of Missouri. Commissioners are:

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The Honorable
Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

October 15, 2014

Dear Friends:

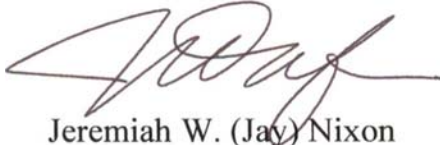
Today, we celebrate the legacy of a person who believed in breaking barriers, a man who showed us that, "An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity." In that spirit, I am honored to be a part of the efforts of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. State Celebration Commission to pay tribute to this remarkable leader.

As we celebrate the 29th anniversary of the Commission in Missouri, let us remember that by working together toward our shared goals, we can accomplish more and move further. As Dr. King said, our work is to "uplift humanity," and we must strive together with "painstaking excellence."

In closing, I would like to thank you for joining this effort to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Each person, uniquely made,

contributes a piece to Missouri's historical puzzle. Without each individual piece, we are not whole. This year's celebration will remind us of that fundamental truth. May God bless the memory of Dr. King, and may God bless our great state of Missouri.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jay Nixon', with a stylized, flowing script.

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

250,000 people marched in Washington, D.C. on August 28, 1963, coming by plane, bus, train, and on foot, and from every walk of life. It was the biggest peaceful demonstration for civil rights in history.

*Quote from "Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968,
An Ebony Picture Biography"*

The National Celebration of the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

On August 27, 1984, following an act of the 98th Congress of the United States of America, President Ronald Reagan signed into law, legislation creating the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday Commission.

As provided in the authorizing legislation, the purpose of the Commission was to encourage appropriate ceremonies and activities throughout the United States relating to the first legal observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, January 15, 1986, and to provide advice and assistance to federal, state and local governments, as well as private organizations with respect to the observance.

Congress created the Commission in recognition of the historical importance of the first observation of our newest holiday and the need for an organized effort at the federal level to ensure that the first observance was a success.

In this spirit, the State Celebration Commission of Missouri wholeheartedly supports the federal Commission's efforts to successfully fulfill this Congressional mandate.

“I Have A Dream” Speech

by

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**Delivered on the Lincoln Memorial Steps
in
Washington, D.C.
August 28, 1963**



“Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to

end the long night of captivity. But one hundred years later, we must face the tragic fact that the Negro is still not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. So we have come here today to dramatize an appalling condition.

In a sense, we have come to our nation's capitol to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men would be guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, which has come back marked 'insufficient funds.' But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. So we have come to cash this check – a check that will give us, upon demand, the riches of freedom and the security of justice. We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to rise

from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to open the doors of opportunity to all of God's children. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood.

It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment and to underestimate the determination of the Negro. This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. 1963 is not an end, but a beginning. Those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual. There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold, which leads to the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred.

We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. The marvelous new militancy, which has engulfed the Negro community, must not lead us to distrust of all white people, for

many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny and their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone.

And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall march ahead. We cannot turn back. There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, 'When will you be satisfied?' We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities. We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. We can never be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow cells. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive.

Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed. Let us not wallow in the valley of despair.

I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation where all black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be

made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, 'My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring.'

And if America is to be a great nation, this must come true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania! Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado! Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California!

But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia! Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee! Let freedom ring from every hill and every molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be

able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!'"



“I would challenge you today
to see that his spirit never dies
and that we will go forward
from this experience, which to
me represents the crucifixion
– on toward the resurrection
and redemption of his spirit.
We must carry on...”

Coretta Scott King

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The King Holiday

Mrs. Coretta Scott King

A day to reaffirm the American ideals of freedom, justice and opportunity for all.

A day to love, not hate; for understanding, not anger; for peace, not war.

A day for families to share together, to reach out to relatives and friends and to mend broken relationships.

A day when the community rids itself of the barriers that divide it and comes together as one.

A day when people of all races, religions, classes and nations in life put aside their differences and join in a spirit of togetherness.

A day for nations of the world to cease all violent actions, seek nonviolent solutions and demonstrate that peace is not just a dream but a real possibility, if only for one day.

If for only one day, each of us serves as a “drum major for justice and peace,” then we bring to life the inspiring vision of freedom of which Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dreamed, a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who awakened in us the best qualities.

**City of St. Louis
Official Proclamation
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Statewide Celebration**



**Francis G. Slay
Mayor, City of St. Louis**

WHEREAS, in the challenging times we currently face, the values of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. -- tolerance, nonviolence, compassion, responsibility and moral courage -- are even more critical to all of us; and

WHEREAS, Monday, January 19, 2015, has been established as a day to reaffirm those values and the universal ideals of freedom, peace, justice and equal opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, the powerful words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. touched the hearts of people around the world and will live on as surely as men and women continue to seek justice and peace; and

WHEREAS, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday is designed for people from every walk of life -- every race, color, creed, age, gender and economic status to continue the efforts to reach out to each other, recognizing that we have far more in common than we have differences; and

WHEREAS, I encourage all St. Louisans to remember the life and legacy of Dr. King and work for justice and equal opportunity and to celebrate and bring his dream to life.

Now, therefore, I, Francis G. Slay, Mayor of the City of St. Louis, do hereby proclaim January 19, 2015, as:

“DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY”

IN THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of St. Louis, this 19th day of January, A.D. 2015.

If I can help somebody as I pass
along,
If I can cheer somebody with a song,
If I can show somebody he's
traveling wrong,
Then my living will not be in vain.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

King Holiday Bell Ringing

In 1986, the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday Commission began the tradition of ringing the U.S. Liberty Bell on the holiday honoring Dr. King. The Bell-Ringing Ceremony takes place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on the third Monday of January at noon E.S.T. Simultaneously, similar ceremonies take place on the capitols of each of the 50 states with the governors ringing replica Liberty Bells, which were cast and sent to the states by President Harry Truman.

The Bell-Ringing Ceremony was created to serve as an appropriate opening for events that encourage us to remember, celebrate and act on the King Holiday, such as community service projects, forums on race relations, parades or marches. Since the ceremony began, churches, synagogues, mosques, schools and civic organizations have also participated. For religious or ethnic cultures that have no tradition of bell ringing, the commission has encouraged them to participate in the ceremony with an expression appropriate to their tradition, like the blowing of the shofar or the singing of a song.

A particularly fitting symbol for honoring the work of Dr. King, the Liberty Bell was introduced to a national audience as a symbol for the abolitionist movement. The first reference historians can find to the name "Liberty Bell" is on the cover of an 1837 edition of *Liberty*, published by the New York Anti-Slavery Society. Previously known only in Philadelphia as the State House Bell, the bell, used as an antislavery symbol, brought it to much greater prominence.

Major Issues of Dr. King's Campaigns From 1954-1968

1955

Non-segregated buses – Montgomery, AL

1961

Freedom Rides – Washington, D.C. to New Orleans

1962

Non-segregated public accommodations and voting rights – Albany, GA

1963

Non-segregated public accommodations: affirmative action – Birmingham, AL

1964

Non-segregated public accommodations – St. Augustine, FL

1965

Guaranteed protection voting rights – Selma, AL

1966

Open housing; ending slums – Chicago, IL

1967

Ending slums; jobs – Cleveland, OH

1968

Right to organize for garbage workers – Memphis, TN

End poverty in the United States – Poor People's Campaign

Right to organize for hospital workers (planned by Dr. King, led by Ralph Abernathy) – Charleston, SC

DR. KING'S SIX PRINCIPLES OF NONVIOLENCE

“Often the question has arisen concerning my own intellectual pilgrimage to nonviolence. In order to get at this question it is necessary to go back to my early teens in Atlanta. I had grown up abhorring not only segregation, but also the oppressive and barbarous acts that grew out of it.”

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Principle 1: *Nonviolence is not passive, but requires courage.*

Principle 2: *Nonviolence seeks reconciliation, not defeat of an adversary.*

Principle 3: *Nonviolent action is directed at eliminating evil, not destroying an evil-doer.*

Principle 4: *A willingness to accept suffering for the cause, if necessary, but never to inflict it.*

Principle 5: *A rejection of hatred, animosity or violence of the spirit, as well as refusal to commit physical violence.*

Principle 6: *Faith that justice will prevail.*

DR. KING'S SIX STEPS OF NONVIOLENCE

1. *Information gathering and research to get the facts straight.*
2. *Education of adversaries and the public about the facts of the dispute.*
3. *Personal commitment to nonviolent attitudes and action.*
4. *Negotiation with an adversary in a spirit of goodwill to correct injustice.*
5. *Nonviolent direct action, such as marches, boycotts, mass demonstrations, picketing, sit-ins, etc., to help persuade or compel adversary to work toward dispute-resolution.*
6. *Reconciliation of adversaries in a win-win outcome to establish a sense of community.*

**Fundamental tenets of Dr. King's
philosophy of nonviolence described
in his first book,
Stride Toward Freedom.**

***THE DISTINGUISHED
KEYNOTE SPEAKER***

*2015 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Statewide Celebration
Kick-Off Program*

*Saturday, January 10, 2015
6:30 p.m.
Harris-Stowe State University
Dr. Henry Givens Jr. Administration
Building
3026 Laclede Avenue
St. Louis, MO*



Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski III

***President of UMBC (The University of
Maryland, Baltimore County)***

Freeman A. Hrabowski, III, has served as President of UMBC (The University of Maryland, Baltimore County) since 1992. His research and publications focus on science and math education, with special emphasis on minority participation and performance. He chaired the National Academies' committee that produced the recent report, *Expanding Underrepresented Minority Participation: America's Science and Technology Talent at the Crossroads*. He also was recently named by President Obama to chair the newly created President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans.

In 2008, he was named one of *America's Best Leaders* by *U.S. News & World Report*, which ranked UMBC the nation's #1 "Up and Coming" university the past six years (2009-14). During this period, *U.S. News* also consistently ranked UMBC among the nation's leading institutions for "Best Undergraduate Teaching" – in 2014, other universities on the list included Princeton, Brown, Stanford, and Yale. *TIME* magazine named him one of *America's 10 Best College Presidents in 2009*, and one of the "100 Most Influential People in the World" in 2012. In 2011, he received both the *TIAA-CREF Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for Leadership Excellence* and the *Carnegie Corporation of New York's Academic Leadership Award*, recognized by many as the nation's highest awards among higher education leaders. Also in 2011, he was named one of seven *Top American Leaders* by *The Washington Post* and the Harvard Kennedy School's Center for Public Leadership. In 2012, he received the *Heinz Award* for his contributions to improving the "Human Condition" and was among the inaugural inductees into the *U.S. News & World Report STEM Solutions Leadership Hall of Fame*.

He serves as a consultant to the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the National Academies, and universities and school systems nationally. He also serves on the boards of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, France-Merrick Foundation, Marguerite Casey Foundation (Chair), T. Rowe Price Group, The Urban Institute, McCormick &

Company, and the Baltimore Equitable Society. He served previously on the boards of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Maryland Humanities Council (member and Chair).

Examples of other honors include election to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and the American Philosophical Society; receiving the prestigious *McGraw Prize in Education*, the *U.S. Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring*, the *Columbia University Teachers College Medal for Distinguished Service*, the *GE African American Forum ICON Lifetime Achievement Award*, the *American Educational Research Association's Distinguished Public Service Award*, and the *American Association for the Advancement of Science's (AAAS) William D. Carey Award*; being named a Fellow of the AAAS, *Black Engineer of the Year (BEYA)* by the BEYA STEM Global Competitiveness Conference, *Educator of the Year* by the World Affairs Council of Washington, DC, and *Marylander of the Year* by the editors of the *Baltimore Sun*; and being listed among *Fast Company* magazine's first *Fast 50 Champions of Innovation* in business and technology, and receiving the Technology Council of Maryland's *Lifetime Achievement Award*. He also holds honorary degrees from more than 20 institutions – from Harvard, Princeton, and Duke to the University of Michigan, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Johns Hopkins University, Georgetown University, Haverford College, and Harvey Mudd College.

With philanthropist Robert Meyerhoff, he co-founded the Meyerhoff Scholars Program in 1988. The program is open to all high-achieving students committed to pursuing advanced degrees and research careers in science and engineering, and advancing underrepresented minorities in these fields. The program is recognized as a national model, and based on program outcomes, Hrabowski has authored numerous articles and co-authored two books, *Beating the Odds* and *Overcoming the Odds* (Oxford University Press), focusing on parenting and high-achieving African American males and

females in science. He and UMBC were recently featured on CBS's *60 Minutes*, attracting national attention for the campus's achievements involving innovation and inclusive excellence.

A child-leader in the Civil Rights Movement, Hrabowski was prominently featured in Spike Lee's 1997 documentary, *Four Little Girls*, on the racially motivated bombing in 1963 of Birmingham's Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

Born in 1950 in Birmingham, Alabama, Hrabowski graduated at 19 from Hampton Institute with highest honors in mathematics. At the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, he received his M.A. (mathematics) and four years later his Ph.D. (higher education administration/statistics) at age 24.



CAPE GIRARDEAU



Designates Youth and Family Event

Date: January 21, 2015
Time: 6 PM
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Celebration Dinner
Place: Show Me Center Arena
1333 North Sprigg St.

Annual dinner with a guest speaker hosted for university students and members of the community. Special guest is Soledad O'Brien, CNN news anchor. Admission is \$20/ticket. Sponsored by Southeast Missouri State University. **Contact:** Amanda Hargrove at 573/651-2626 or mlkcommittee@semo.edu.

Date: February 1, 2015
Time: 8 AM
Event: MLK Jr. Read-a-Thon
Place: Local Schools

Volunteers go out into the local schools and share multicultural literature with children. Students, faculty, staff or community members who wish to go out and read to school-aged children should attend. Sponsored by MLK Celebration Committee. **Contact:** Marcia Brown-Haims at 573/651-2188 or mjbrown@semo.edu.

Date: February 3, 2015
Time: 6 PM
Event: “Dark Girls” – A Dialogue
Place: Southeast Missouri State University
University Center, 4th Floor
Redhawks Room
One University Plaza, MS 1350

“Dark Girls” is a fascinating and controversial film that has gone underneath the surface to explore the prejudice dark-skinned women face throughout the world. It examines the roots of classism, racism and the challenges they encounter in America to the most remote corners of the globe. Segments of the film will provide the discussion point to lead a conversation on the impact discrimination based on skin color and complexion can have on the self-esteem, self-efficacy and self-acceptance of women of color. Admission is free and open to all. Sponsored by Academic Support Centers.
Contact: India Jeffery at 573/986-6135 or ijeffer@semo.edu.

Date: February 5, 2015
Time: 6 PM
Event: Connections through Cultural Competence
Place: Southeast Missouri State University
University Center, Indian Room
One University Plaza, MS 1350

Participants will be encouraged to engage in a proactive and productive facilitated discussion on cross-cultural experiences promoting cultural understanding and competence. This session will provide open discussion highlighting the need to address stereotypes and debunk myths in an effort to promote campus-wide inclusion. Participants are encouraged to bring an open mind and be willing to share personal experiences, thoughts and reactions to the conversations that take place and demonstrate a

willingness to be a change agent. This activity will revolve around audience participation. Facilitators will be prepared with a series of topics that will highlight the need for cultural competence across campus. Students, faculty, staff and the general public are invited to attend. Admission is free. Sponsored by Academic Support Centers. **Contact:** Valdis Zalite at 573/651-2512 or vzalite@semo.edu.



Date: February 11, 2015

Time: 5 PM

Event: The Etiquette Advantage

Place: Southeast Missouri State University
University Center, Ballroom B
One University Plaza, MS 1350

Manners Matter! Learn how to present a professional image when dining with future employers and colleagues. Join us for an interactive dining experience covering professional dress, etiquette and social skills.

Admission is by invitation only. Sponsored by Academic Support Centers. **Contact:** Sean Spinks at 573/651-2273 or sspinks@semo.edu.

The ultimate measure of a man is not where
he stands in moments of comfort and
convenience, but where he stands at times of
challenge and controversy.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Date: February 16-20, 2015

Time: 8 PM

Event: The Black Evolution

**Place: Southeast Missouri State University
Towers Cafe
One University Plaza, MS 1350**

From February 16-20, Black Student Union will be hosting events depicting the Black Evolution in our world. Monday's event will be an African Dance Workout. Tuesday will be a one act play on slavery, Wednesday will resemble the Harlem Renaissance in the form of an open mic night, Thursday will be a forum on white privilege and Friday will be a soul food dinner either catered or cooked depending on prices with spades, dominoes and music. The money will be for the soul food dinner. Students are invited to attend. Admission is free, but pick up a ticket from any BSU member before or after the events for the week. Sponsored by Black Student Union. **Contact:** Micah Thomas at 314/898-6407 or mstthomas2s@semo.edu.

Date: February 25, 2015
Time: 7:30 PM
**Event: Manifest Your Destiny (University
Speakers Series Presentation and
Michael Davis Lecture)**
**Place: Southeast Missouri State University
Academic Hall Auditorium
One University Plaza, MS 1350**

Hill Harper is a humanitarian, actor, author, health and wellness ambassador/educator and philanthropist. He is currently starring in USA Network's "Covert Affairs." He is also the author of four New York Times best sellers. His collective writing and acting work has been recognized with seven NAACP Image Awards. Harper created the Manifest Your Destiny Foundation, a non-profit organization focused on empowering, inspiring and guiding you toward a better future. Through the organization, he visits correctional facilities to deliver powerful motivational messages of hope and self-empowerment to young people serving their time and longing for a new way of life. Admission is free for students, faculty, staff and the general public. Sponsored by University Speakers Series and Department of Mass Media.
Contact: Joanna Shaver at 573/651-2280 or jshaver@semo.edu.

Date: February 26, 2015
Time: 6 PM
Event: National TRiO Day Celebration
**Place: Southeast Missouri State University
Show Me Center Meeting Rooms
One University Plaza, MS 1350**

National TRiO Day celebrates the sustained impact and success of the federal TRiO programs and communities and reflects on the importance of educational opportunity programs in creating a fairer society for all Americans. As a critical component of the 1964 Civil Rights

Act, TRiO programs work to protect and further access higher education for low-income, first-generation students, students with disabilities and veterans, and are committed to the principles of social justice. Accomplishments of current and former participants in the Southeast TRiO programs will be highlighted.

ADMISSION IS BY INVITATION ONLY.

Sponsored by TRiO/McNair Scholars Program, TRiO/Student Support Services and Academic Support Services. **Contact:** Monica Barnes at 573/986-6135 or mbarnes@semo.edu.



COLUMBIA



Designates Youth and Family Event

Date: January 28, 2015

Time: 7 PM

Event: MU 2015 MLK Jr. Celebration and
Lecture

Place: Missouri Theater
203 S. Ninth Street

Join the University of Missouri in a 2015 celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with featured speaker Myrlie Evers-Williams, (Civil Rights Activist and former chairperson of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) speaking on the topic: Not Exactly What You Thought. Admission is free and open to the public. Tickets are available beginning December 1 at the Missouri Theatre and MSA/GPC box offices. Hosted by the University of Missouri Columbia, **MU Celebrates MLK Jr. Committee. Contact:** MU Celebrates MLK Jr. Committee at 573/882-5838 or diversity@missouri.edu, or visit website: <http://mlk.missouri.edu>.

FULTON



Designates Youth and Family Event

**The Fulton Dr. Martin Luther King
Celebration was not finalized at the time
this calendar was published.**



JEFFERSON CITY



Designates Youth and Family Event

Date: December 5, 2014

Time: 10 AM – 4 PM

Event: Human Rights Conference

Place: Harry S. Truman State Office

Building

Room 490/492

Jefferson City

Join the Missouri Commission on Human Rights, Executive Director Dr. Alisa Warren, and the global community of human rights advocates celebrating International Human Rights Day, inaugurated in 1948 when world leaders gathered at the United Nations General Assembly to adopt the Universal Declaration of Human Rights affirming the inherent dignity and inalienable rights of all people. This state-wide event in Jefferson City features national and regional speakers presenting to attorneys, human resources and housing industry professionals and representatives from government and non-profit organizations. The morning of the conference will include workshops titled “60th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education;” “Legal Practice before the Missouri Commission on Human Rights;” and “Workshop for Community-Based Dialogue.” Awards Luncheon will include awards and keynote speaker Frederick Douglass as portrayed by Chautauqua scholar Charles Everett Pace. The conference will conclude in the afternoon with

workshops entitled, “Strategies for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing” and the “50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.” The conference is free and open to the public but space is limited, so please register today at <http://labor.mo.gov/MHRC/register>. The Missouri Bar has approved 4.0 Continuing Legal Education credits for this activity.

Date: January 14, 2015

Time: 7 PM

Event: Missouri Legislative Black Caucus
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Celebration

Place: Missouri State Capitol Building
1st Floor Capitol Rotunda

Contact: Cheryl Dozier at 573/230-1341.



JOPLIN



Designates Youth and Family Event

Date: January 19, 2015

Time: 8 AM

Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Celebration Breakfast

Place: Missouri Southern State University
Billingsly Student Center Ballroom
3950 E. Newman Road

Guest speaker: Kelly Shoenbauer-Sales, Adult Drug/Juvenile Diversion and Drug Court Administrator for the 29th Judicial Circuit. Admission is \$5/person, free to students. Sponsored by the Joplin Convention and Visitors Bureau. **Contact:** Faustina Abrahams, Chairperson, MSSU Diversity Committee at 417/625-9521 or Abrahams-f@mssu.edu.



Date: January 19, 2015

Time: All Day

Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of
Service

Place: Various non-profit organizations

Faculty, students and the community will have the opportunity to serve the community by performing acts of service at an organization of their choice from a list of area non-profit organizations that have requested volunteers for that day. The names of the non-profit organizations and times of service will be posted on the Missouri Southern State University MLK website at www.mssu.edu/mlk in December. To

sign up for a location, follow instructions posted on the website or **contact** Faustina Abrahams, chairperson, MSSU Diversity Committee at 417/625-9521 or Abrahams-f@mssu.edu.

Date: January 20, 2015

Time: 10 AM – 1 PM

Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Celebration Volunteer and Resource
Fair

Place: Missouri Southern State University
Billingsly Student Center
2nd Floor Foyer
3950 E. Newman Road

This fair will bring together area volunteer/non-profit organizations to show students and the community what volunteer opportunities and resources are available to meet the needs of the community. Admission is free. **Contact:** Faustina Abrahams, Chairperson, MSSU Diversity Committee at 417/625-9521 or Abrahams-f@mssu.edu.



Date: January 21, 2015
Time: 1 and 7 PM
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Celebration: The Unsung Pioneers of
Negro League Baseball
Place: Missouri Southern State University
Corley Auditorium in
Webster Hall
3950 E. Newman Road

Guest speaker will be Mr. Phil S. Dixon, co-founder of the Negro League Baseball Museum in Kansas City, author of nine baseball books and winner of the prestigious Casey Award for the Best Baseball Book of 1992. He is widely regarded for his expertise on baseball history. Mr. Dixon will discuss specifically how the small towns in Missouri and Kansas played an integral role in the integration of baseball both at the University and professional level pre-Jackie Robinson. Admission is free. Sponsored by Missouri Southern State University Campus Activities Board and Joplin Convention Center.
Contact: Land Adams, director of Student Activities at 417/625-9669, adams-l@mssu.edu.

Our lives begin to end the day we become
silent about things that matter.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

KANSAS CITY AREA



Designates Youth and Family Event

The Kansas City Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration was not finalized at the time this calendar was published.

**For additional information, please contact
Commissioner Lessie J. Thompson at
CTLJT2804@aol.com.**



KIRKSVILLE



Designates Youth and Family Event

Date: January 20, 2015
Event: MLK Challenge
Place: Truman State University
100 E. Normal Avenue

Students help community partners with projects.

Contact: Travis Miles at 660/785-4243 or
timiles@truman.edu.

Date: January 23-24, 2015
Event: MLK Read-In
Place: Truman State University
100 E. Normal Avenue

Students read to local school children from a selection of books and ask questions to stimulate diversity for Pre-K through 5th grade. **Contact:**

Travis Miles at 660/785-4243 or
timiles@truman.edu.

ST. JOSEPH



Designates Youth and Family Event

Date: January 21, 2015

Time: 6 PM

Event: Drum Major of Justice Banquet

Place: Missouri Western State University
Leah Spratt Hall, Enright Room
4525 Downs Drive

Banquet to honor those fighting for social justice. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Center for Multicultural Education. **Contact:** Latoya Fitzpatrick at 816/274-4158 or lfitzpatrick1@missouriwestern.edu.

Date: January 22, 2015

Time: 6 PM

Event: Movie Night: “Mandela, A Long Walk to Freedom”

Place: Missouri Western State University
Leah Spratt Hall, Room 101
4525 Downs Drive

Movie about an influential leader. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Center for Multicultural Education. **Contact:** Latoya Fitzpatrick at 816/271-4150 or lfitzpatrick1@missouriwestern.edu.

ST. LOUIS REGIONAL AREA



Designates Youth and Family Event



Date: January 2015

Event: Community Hands

Place: St. Louis Public Library

Kingshighway Branch

2260 S. Vandeventer Ave.

A library often reflects the community it is in, patrons (adults and children) will write one thing they like about the library or their community on a hand shaped cut out. The hands will be posted on the community bulletin board and in various locations around the branch. The idea is to show how we are all connected as one through our community. **Contact:** 314/771-5450.

Date: January 1, 2015

Time: All Day

**Event: Afro World's 45th Anniversary
Kickoff Celebration**

Place: Afro World

7276 Natural Bridge Rd.

Bring a canned good to share with those in need.

Contact: 314/389-5194 or

sforrest@afroworld.com.



Date: January 10, 2015
Time: 12:30 PM
Event: Family Film Day
Place: Missouri History Museum
5700 Lindell Blvd.

Bring your family to enjoy a free screening of “Happily Ever After: Fairy Tales for Every Child,” along with some free snacks. This film features multicultural versions of many of your favorite fairy tales. Admission is free.

Sponsored by the Missouri History Museum.

Contact: Lindsay Newton at

lnewton@mohistory.org.

Date: January 10, 2015
Time: 1-3 PM
Event: How Well Do You Really Know Dr.
Martin Luther King Jr.?
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Walnut Park Branch
5760 Florissant Ave.

This adult game will feature a moderator asking two teams questions about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The team that answers the most questions correctly will receive a prize. The moderator will compile questions from SLPL’s extensive collection of books about King, highlighting both his personal and professional demeanor. **Contact:** 314/383-1210.

Date: January 10, 2015
Time: 2-4 PM
Event: Living the Dream: Dr. Martin Luther
King Jr. Timeline
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Cabanne Branch
1106 Union Blvd.

Participants will construct a timeline commemorating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. using photos, colorful paper and creativity. The finished timelines will be displayed in the Cabanne and Divoll branches for the remainder of the month. In February, the timelines from both branches will be united to be displayed for Black History Month in the Schlafly Branch. **Contact:** 314/367-0717.



Date: January 10, 2015
Time: 6:30 PM
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Celebration Commission Kick-off
Program for Missouri
Place: Harris-Stowe State University
Main Auditorium
3026 Laclede Avenue

2015 Theme: Emerging Leaders Called to Action: A Time for Healing. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski III, President of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Performances by various artists including Ronnie Gee, the Harris-Stowe State University Concert Chorale and the Excel Performing Arts Competition Team. A pre-

program will feature the Point of View Jazz Ensemble. A reception following the program will feature Danita Mumphard and her band. All seating is on a first-come, first-served basis except for those reserved for program participants and awardees. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** Harris-Stowe State University at 314/340-3390.

Date: January 12, 2015

Time: 4-5 PM

Event: I have a dream that one day...

Place: St. Louis Public Library
Central Library in Creative
Experience
1301 Olive St.

Make a video and share your dream. **Contact:** 314/241-2288.



Date: January 12, 2015

Time: 4-5 PM

Event: Creative Kids: Dream Quilt

Place: St. Louis Public Library
Walnut Park Branch
5760 West Florissant Ave.

To honor Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech, create panels for a patchwork quilt that illustrates dreams for yourself, your family and your world. Children will be using paper craft materials such as magazine pictures and construction paper to create quilt blocks that express their dreams for the future. These will then be displayed on the bulletin board in the Children's Room. **Contact:** 314/383-1210.



Date: January 12, 2015
Time: 6:30 PM
Event: Learning About Dr. King
Place: St. Louis County Library
Bridgeton Trails Branch
3455 McKelvey Rd.

Listen to stories about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and enjoy making crafts. Ages 5-10.
Registration required. Limit 15. Room 1.
Contact: Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.



Date: January 13, 2015
Time: 4-6 PM
Event: Creative Kids: Capture Your Dream
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Schlafly Branch
225 N. Euclid Ave.

Listen to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech.
Make a dream capsule for your dreams.
Contact: 314/367-4120.



Date: January 13, 2015
Time: 6-7:30 PM
Event: Walking the Dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Carpenter Branch
3309 South Grand Blvd.

This program will begin with a school-age story time with unique books about Black history and civil rights. Following the story time, children will create signs to wear over their clothes to promote equality. They will then participate in a silent march through the library leading to the

front steps of the library where they will stand for a short time. **Contact:** 314/772-6586.



Date: January 14, 2015

Time: 4-5 PM

Event: Martin Luther King Peace Collage

Place: St. Louis Public Library
Machacek Branch
6424 Scanlan Ave.

Children will make a collage either as an individual or a group that represents themes from the life of Dr. King, justice and peace.

Contact: 314/781-2948.

Date: January 14, 2015

Time: 4-5 PM

Event: DIY: "I Have a Dream" Dream Capsule

Place: St. Louis Public Library
Cabanne Branch
1106 Union Blvd.

Teens. **Contact:** 314/367-0717.

We must come to see that the end we seek is a society at peace with itself, a society that can live with its conscience. That will be a day not of the white man, not of the black man. That will be a day of man as man.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Date: January 14, 2015
Time: 6:30 PM
Event: Family Movie Night: "The Wiz"
Place: St. Louis County Library
Rock Road Branch
10267 St. Charles Rock Rd.

Join us in watching an African-American cast as they journey down the yellow brick road in the re-imagined version of "The Wizard of Oz."
MPAA Rating: G. Running time: 133 min.
Contact: Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Date: January 14 – May 8, 2015
Time: See below
Event: Moments of Silence: A Response to the Ferguson Experience Touring Exhibition
Place: See Below

This exhibit is designed to engage university and community audiences in reflective dialog on what the Coalition of Arts for Peace have come to view as a growing Social Apartheid state in America. This exhibition opportunity is a rigorous yet contemplative look at the state of human relationships in America through the microcosm of the Ferguson, Missouri experience. The exhibit is traveling to four university and college venues in Missouri:

- **Gallery Visio**, 170 Millennium Student Center, University of Missouri-St. Louis, One University Blvd. Normandy, MO 63121. January 14-January 20, 2015 Artist Reception: Jan.14, noon-5 pm. Gallery Hours: Monday – Wednesday 9-4 | Friday 2-5. **Stuart Shadwell, Director, Gallery Visio, 170 Millennium Student Center, UM-St. Louis, One University Blvd., St.**

Louis, MO. Phone: 314/516-7922

galvisio@umsl.edu.

- **The Don and Heide Wolff Jazz Institute**, Room 113, Dr. Henry Givens, Jr. Administration Building, Harris Stowe State University, St. Louis, MO 63103. January 23-February 6, 2015
Artist Reception Jan. 23, 6-8 pm.
Gallery Hours: Monday-Thursday 9-5| Friday 8-4. **Ronn Nichols, curator, Simone Williams, assistant to the curator, Don and Heide Wolff Jazz Institute, Room 113, Dr. Henry Givens, Jr. Administration Building, Harris Stowe State University, 3026 Laclede Avenue, St. Louis, MO. Phone: 314/340-3366.**
- **The Fine Arts Gallery** at The Richardson Fine Arts Center, 2nd floor, 820 Chestnut St., Lincoln University, Jefferson City, MO 65102. February 15-March 3, 2015, Artist Reception Feb. 20, 5-7 pm. Gallery Hours: Phone (573) 681-5195. **Don Govang, department chair, Visual and Performing Arts, Room 9, Richardson Fine Arts Center 820 Chestnut St., Lincoln University, Jefferson City, MO. Phone: 573/681-5195.**
- **Gallery Admin**, 2nd floor, Administration Building, Florissant Valley Community College, 3400 Pershall Road, Florissant MO 63135
March 11-May 8, 2015, Artist Reception March 11, 1:30-3:30 pm. Gallery Hours: Monday-Thursday 9-6| Friday 9-4.
Janice Nesser-Chu, director, Gallery Admin, Department of Fine Arts, Humanities Building, Florissant Valley Community College, 3400 Pershall Road, Florissant, MO. Phone: 314/513-4861.

Date: January 14, 2015
Time: 7 PM
Event: Joint Venture Interfaith MLK Service
Place: Central Reform Congregation
5020 Waterman Blvd.

The annual MLK Interfaith action program began 22 years ago. Special guests will include Rev. Tracy Blackmon, Rabbi Susan Talve and Ferguson youth leaders. Admission is free. Sponsored by CRC and Christ the King UCC Church of Florissant. **Contact:** Jennifer Bernstein at 314/3661-1564, ext. 117 or jenniferb@centralreform.org.

A life is sacred. Property is intended to serve life, and no matter how much we surround it with rights and respect, it has no personal being. It is part of the earth man walks on; it is not man.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Date: January 15, 2015
Time: 4-5:30 PM
Event: I Have a Dream: Dream Capsule Creation
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Divoll Branch
4234 N. Grand Ave.

In response to a viewing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous "I Have a Dream" speech, participants will fill glass jars with their dreams for the future using gathered images and written messages detailing their hopes for tomorrow and

beyond! Kindergarten – 5th grade. **Contact:**
314/534-0313.



Date: January 15, 2015
Time: 4-5 PM
Event: Big Words Collages
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Carondelet Branch
6800 Michigan Ave.

Children will make collages about how Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s speeches and beliefs changed America. **Contact:** 314/752-9224.



Date: January 15, 2015
Time: 4:30-5:30 PM
Event: Martin Luther King Peace Mural
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Barr Branch
8448 Church Road

Participants trace hands on construction paper and then cut out paper hands. On the hand shaped piece of paper, participants will write a poem or draw a picture inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s words. Completed hands will be displayed at the branch. Families. **Contact:** 314/771-7040.



Date: January 16, 2015
Time: 4 PM
Event: Throwing and Growing Foundation
Presents
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Place: The Youth and Family Center
818 Cass Avenue

Program will feature Teaia Jackson as the Keynote Speaker. Admission is free. **Contact:** Executive Director Myrle Mensey-Symonds at throwingandgrowing@gmail.com.

Date: January 17 & 18, 2015

Time: 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
3-5 PM

Event: MLK Jr. Celebration Weekend

Place: First Presbyterian Church of
Ferguson

Saturday workshop – “Confronting the Racial Divide.” Sunday afternoon worship service in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Special guest will be Rev. Jimmie Ray Hawkins, a leader in the “Moral Monday Movement” in North Carolina and Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Durham. Admission is free. Sponsored by Dismantling Racism and White Privilege Team of Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery. **Contact:** Peggy Swing at 636/391-6682 or 636/448/0376.



Date: January 17, 2015

Time: 10 AM

Event: MLK Family Celebration

Place: Missouri History Museum
5700 Lindell Blvd.

Join us to learn about and celebrate the achievements of Martin Luther King Jr. The first 200 kids to arrive at the museum will receive an MLK storybook to take home. Enjoy light refreshments: 10 and 11 AM – Mama Lisa presents “King Family Kids.” Revisit life in Atlanta during the 1960’s from a kid’s point of view. 10 AM – 12:30 PM – Get creative and make peace-inspired art projects to take away. 10:30 AM - “Hooray for MLK” Storytelling. Hear stories about inclusion, diversity and the

good that Dr. King brought to the world.
Admission is free. Sponsored by the Missouri
History Museum. **Contact:** Lindsay Newton at
lnewton@mohistory.org.



Date: January 17, 2015
Time: 10:30 AM
Event: Forging Unity in our Community and
Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Place: University City High School
7401 Balson Avenue

Program will feature financial literacy
workshop, health screenings, service providers
and vendors. At 1 PM a celebration will be held
in the auditorium. **Contact:** DeAnn Blumberg
at 314/290-4001 or
dblumberg@ucityschools.org.

Date: January 17 & 19, 2015
Time: 11 AM, 1 & 3 PM
Event: Dr. King Jr. Free Movie
Place: Afro World
7276 Natural Bridge Rd.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a historical
perspective. Bring a canned good to share with

those in need. **Contact:** 314/389-5194 or
sforrest@afroworld.com.



Date: January 17, 2015
Time: 11 AM – 1 PM
Event: Fifth Annual Rhythm & Rhyme:
A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther
King Jr.
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Buder Branch
4401 Hampton Ave.

Listen to local “Rhyme Man” Stanley Pitchford as he sets the mood reciting his poetry, reading from his works and performing his latest exercise rap. Poets and authors Coffee Wright and Aleiah Vaughn will add to the line-up as well as other surprise guests. **Contact:** 314/352-2900.

Date: January 17, 2015
Time: Noon
Event: Rockin’ Readers Book Group
Place: St. Louis County Library
Rock Road Branch
10267 St. Charles Rock Rd.

To celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King’s birthday, teens will have the choice between two graphic novels: “I See the Promised Land: A Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.” by A.R. Flowers or “March, Book 1” by John Lewis. Participants must register so we know how much pizza to order! Pick up your copy of the book at the front desk. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.



Date: January 17, 2015
Time: 2-3 PM
Event: Kid Reporters for a Day – What
MLK Day Means to You
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Buder Branch
4401 Hampton Ave.

Kids of all ages take a “boots on the ground”
approach to addressing issues in the community.
Contact: 314/352-2900.

Date: January 17, 2015
Time: 2-4 PM
Event: Living the Dream: Dr. Martin Luther
King Jr. Timeline
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Divoll Branch
4234 N. Grand Ave.

Participants will construct a timeline
commemorating the life of Dr. Martin Luther
King Jr. using photos, colorful paper and
creativity. The finished timelines will be
displayed in the Cabanne and Divoll branches
for the remainder of the month. In February, the
timelines from both branches will be united to
be displayed for Black History Month in the
Schlafly Branch. **Contact:** 314/534-0313.

Date: January 17, 2015
Time: 2 PM
Event: Dr. King, Michael Brown, #Ferguson
and the Future of America
Place: Missouri History Museum
5700 Lindell Blvd.

Six months after holding a town hall on the
recent unrest that plagued Ferguson, activist,
journalist and author Kevin Powell returns to the
Missouri History Museum to reflect on Martin

Luther King Jr.'s legacy and the protests that Michael Brown's death prompted. A community conversation follows. Admission is free. Sponsored by Missouri History Museum. **Contact:** MK Stallings at 314/454-3106 or mkstallings@mohistory.org.



Date: January 17, 2015
Time: 2 PM
Event: Storytelling Quilt
Place: St. Louis County Library
Mid-County Branch
7821 Maryland Ave.

Tell the rich story of Black Heritage through quilting. Each participant will be given a quilt square and materials to craft a story or picture that will become part of a larger piece of community artwork. The quilt will be on display through the month of February at the Mid-County Branch. All ages. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.



Date: January 18, 2015
Time: 11 AM
Event: Rev. Dr. M.L. King Jr. Celebration
Place: Compton Hill M.B. Church
Rev. Stephen R. Vasser, Pastor
3141 LaSalle St.

Emerging Leaders Act Now: A Time for Healing. Admission is free. **Contact:** Viola Biggers at 314/239-5786.



Date: January 18, 2014
Time: 11 AM
Event: Celebrating Greatness through Diversity
Place: New Ebenezer M.B. Church of the Ville
4341 W. Maffitt Ave.

The church family will host an oratorical presentation of the “I Have a Dream” speech of the great drum major of justice. We will be sharing with the community great speeches of great Americans who have served as change agents; to impact positive changes within their local, national and global communities. We endeavor to exhibit to the community that we are all of God’s children and “need to become the change that the world needs to see,” Mohandas K. Gandhi. Special guest will be a past honoree inducted into Vashon’s Hall of Fame, first ladies from various community churches and columnist for the St. Louis American, Mr. Bernie Hayes. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Divine Healing Ministry & New Ebenezer Church family. **Contact:** Dr. Dorothea King-James, first lady at 314/921-2933 or WJames5754@aol.com.



Date: January 18, 2015
Time: 3 PM
Event: “I May Not Get There With You”
Place: Missouri History Museum
5700 Lindell Blvd.

Join us for the final run of “I May Not Get There with You,” a multimedia production focusing on

speeches and moments in the last year of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life. Musical and poetic performances provide context for those moments as an actor gives voice to King's most prophetic speeches. Performed by Greg the Poet Harris, James 'JayLuvve' Watford, Mari 'EmCee' Carter and Kelvin Evans. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Missouri History Museum. **Contact:** MK Stallings at 314/454-3106 or mkstallings@mohistory.org.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness;
only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate;
only love can do that.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Date: January 18, 2015

Time: 3 PM

Event: 22nd Annual Skinker DeBaliviere
MLK Celebration

Place: Grace United Methodist Church
6199 Waterman Blvd.

Celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a day of music, reflection and remembrance. Speaker will be associate pastor Thurman Williams from Grace and Peace Fellowship Church. Admission is free. Sponsored by Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council. **Contact:** Liz Pund at 314/862-5122 or Liz.Pund@skinker-debaliviere.com.

Date: January 18, 2015
Time: 3 PM
Event: MLK Day
Place: St. Louis Community College –
Florissant Valley
Terry M. Fischer Theatre
3400 Pershall Road

The theme of the event is Mobilizing
Community Action: All Hands In. Dr. Art
McCoy will be the keynote speaker. Admission
is free. **Contact:** Kedra Tolson at 314/513-
4221.



Date: January 18, 2015
Time: 3:30 PM
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Program
Place: Clayton Missionary Baptist Church
2801 N. Union

Celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King
Jr. with special guests Mary Tilmon, Capt. Ron
Johnson, Reg Weaver from Washington DC,
choirs, praise dancers, soloists and young
orators. Admission is free. Sponsored by the
Missouri National Education Association.
Contact: Carmen K. Hill, program chair, at
314/707-5566 or Carmen.hill@slps.org.



Date: January 18, 2015
Time: 5 PM
Event: “March On”
Place: Peace Tabernacle
3514 Oregon

Pastoral Fellowship of St. Louis gathers 20+
churches and ministries to celebrate Dr. King.
Special guests will include City Mass Choir, Dr.

Mike Higgins, Voices of Peace and many more.
Admission is free. Sponsored by the Pastoral Fellowship of St. Louis. **Contact:** Michelle Higgins at 314/384-6744 or michelle@southcitychurch.com.



Date: January 18, 2015
Time: 7 PM
Event: 12th Annual Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Place: Hazelwood Civic Center East
8969 Dunn Road

Motivating speakers, musical entertainment and refreshments. Special guests include Judge Jimmie Edwards, Dr. Grayling Tobias, superintendent of Hazelwood School District and the Hazelwood East High School Choir. Admission is free. Sponsored by the City of Hazelwood Community Enrichment Commission. **Contact:** Pam Reynolds at 314/731-0980 or pfreynolds@hazelwoodmo.gov.



Date: January 19, 2015
Time: 9 AM – 5 PM
Event: Let Freedom Ring
Place: Christ Church Cathedral Episcopal Church
13th & Locust

A daylong observance of the life and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Everyone is invited to sit and listen and/or read the writings and speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Let his words resound and wash over you. To read, just come up to the front and indicate to the reader that you wish to take over. Admission is free. Sponsored by Christ Church Cathedral. **Contact:** The Very Reverend

Michael Kinman, Dean Christ Church Cathedral
at 314/231-3454 or
mkinman@christchurchcathedral.us.

More than 2,000 demonstrators were
arrested in the Birmingham anti-segregation
campaign. Police used fire hoses and dogs
on marching children.

*Quote from "Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968,
An Ebony Picture Biography"*

Date: January 19, 2015
Time: 9:30 AM
**Event: Civic Ceremony, March of
Celebration and Interfaith Service**
**Place: Old Court House
4th & Market**

Civic ceremony will include remarks from
elected officials and other dignitaries. The
ceremony will include music and Dr. Martin
Luther King Jr. awards. At 11 AM, the March
of Celebration will begin in the streets of
downtown St. Louis. At 12:30 PM an interfaith
service will be held at a place to be determined
later. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Dr.
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Committee,
Lady Merdean Gales, president; Nigel Word,
vice president and Norman R. Seay, founder.

**Get your celebration buttons by calling
314/583-0532 or 314/458-6906.** Join us for one
of the greatest celebrations ever!



Date: January 19, 2015

Time: 10 AM

Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Program

Place: Touhill Performing Arts Center

University of Missouri-St. Louis

One University Boulevard

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday observance will feature guest speaker Lani Guinier, civil rights attorney and Chris and Kyle with True Spirit. Admission is free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity. **Contact:** Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at 314/516-5695.



Date: January 19, 2015
Time: 11 AM
Event: MLK Unity Walk
Place: Wentzville City Hall
310 W. Pearce Blvd.

Walking in solidarity as we sing songs bringing the community together. Sponsored by the Wentzville McDonald's. **Contact:** Barbara at 636/357-2998 or Joan at 636/332-8800.



Date: January 19, 2015
Time: Noon
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Program
Place: Mt. Zion Baptist Church
2235 Bond Avenue
East St. Louis, IL

Observance of Dr. King's life through music and words. Special guests will include the East St. Louis senior high school music and drama clubs, Dr. C. Levington, Pastor, Mt. Zion and the Mt. Zion Church Choir. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King Commemorative Committee. **Contact:** Dr. Lillian Parks at 618/397-6314 or lilipark@aol.com.



Date: January 19, 2015
Time: 1 PM
Event: King Me: A VerbQuake Youth Poetry Slam Event
Place: Urb Arts
2600 N. 14th Street

VerbQuake Youth Poetry Slam kicks off its season of poetry performances with a competition featuring poems that celebrate Dr. Kings' legacy and explore social justice themes. The youth poets between 12 and 18 years of age

can sign up to compete 30 minutes before the poetry slam begins. The event is free and open to the public. MK Stallings will serve as host. Sponsored by Urb Arts. **Contact:** MK Stallings at 314/621-3551 or info@urbarts.org.



Date: January 19, 2015

Time: 1-3 PM

Event: City of Berkeley Dr. Martin Luther King Commemorative Day of Service

Place: Berkeley City Hall
8425 Airport Road

Admission is free and open to the public.

Sponsored by the City of Berkeley, Missouri.

Contact: Berkeley City Hall at 314/524-3313

or see attached flyer link at

https://www.dropbox.com/s/q46gwmhaen9drzf/Berekley_MLK_Flyer.jpg?dl=0

We must combine the
toughness of the serpent
and the softness of the dove,
a tough mind and a tender heart.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Date: January 19, 2015

Time: 4 PM

Event: Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration
Lecture

Place: Washington University
School of Medicine
Eric P. Newman Center
320 S. Euclid Avenue

The Martin Luther King Jr. celebration lecture is a celebration of the life and legacy of the civil rights leader. Special guest will be Ambassador Charles Stith. Prior to assuming his present position as the director of the African President Archives and Research Center at Boston University, Charles Stith, appointed by President Clinton, served as Ambassador of the United States to the United Republic of Tanzania in the traumatic period after the August 1998 bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Dar es Salaam. Under his leadership, the Embassy was restored to stability and set a new standard for U.S. embassies promoting American trade and investment in Africa. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Office of Diversity Programs at Washington University School of Medicine. **Contact:** Office of Diversity Programs at 314/362-6854 or medschooldiversity@wusm.wustl.edu.



Date: January 19, 2015
Time: 6 PM
Event: Berean Music Auxiliary's Rev. Dr.
M.L. King Jr. Celebration
Place: Riverside M.B. Church
Rev. James Rogers, Pastor
10047 Jeffrey Dr.

Admission is free. **Contact:** Carroll Rodgers at 314/874-6344.



Date: January 19, 2015
Time: 7 PM
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Commemoration
Place: Washington University
Danforth Campus
Graham Chapel
1 Brookings Drive

The program is an annual celebration honoring the legacy of Dr. King and the impact he has made on those who carry the torch for humanity. Washington University in St. Louis has hosted this event for over 20 years through an alliance of dedicated faculty, staff and students representing various departments, offices and organizations in an effort to keep the dream alive. Keynote speaker will be Kimberly Norwood, professor of law. Other guests: professor of African & African-American Studies, Washington University Orchestrating Diversity Youth Orchestra; Black Anthology, the Washington University student run production group and others. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Washington University Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Commemoration Committee. **Contact:** Rudolph Clay Jr. at 314/935-5059 or rudolphc@wustl.edu.

Date: January 19, 2015

Time: 7 PM

**Event: 10th Year Anniversary MLK
Celebration**

**Place: Wentzville Hold High School
Auditorium
600 Campus Drive**

Special speaker will be pastor Aeneas Williams. The master of ceremony will be Rene Knott. Admissions is free. Sponsored by the Wentzville McDonald's. **Contact:** Barbara at 636/357-2998 or Joan at 636/332-8800.

Date: January 20, 2015
Time: 2 PM
Event: Lit Wits Book Discussion Group:
“The Good Lord Bird” by James
McBride
Place: St. Louis County Library
Cliff Cave Branch
5430 Telegraph Rd.

Fleeing his violent master with abolitionist John Brown, Henry pretends to be a girl throughout the raid on Harper’s Ferry in 1859. Books are available one month prior to the discussion. Newcomers welcome. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Date: January 20, 2015
Time: 6-7:30 PM
Event: Interrupting the Violence
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Julia Davis Branch
4415 Natural Bridge Ave.

Watch clips from the award-winning documentary “The Interrupters” and share your thoughts on ending violence in our communities. Teens. **Contact:** 314/383-3021.



Date: January 21, 2015
Time: 6:30 PM
Event: MLK Birthday Bash and Book Bingo
Place: St. Louis County Library
Rock Road Branch
10267 St. Charles Rock Rd.

Join us in celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King’s birthday with cake and Book Bingo. Fun for the whole family. All ages welcome. Registration required. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at

314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.



Date: January 21, 2015
Time: 7 PM
Event: The Usual Suspects Mystery Book Group
Place: St. Louis County Library
Rock Road Branch
10267 St. Charles Rock Rd.

Join us for “Snapshot” by Lis Wiehl, an historical fiction crime novel with roots in Civil Rights history. Pick up your copy at the circulation desk. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Date: January 22, 2015
Time: 12:15 PM
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Speaker
Place: Maryville University
Campus Auditorium
650 Maryville University Drive

Lecture by Dr. Terrell Strayhorn. Admission is free. Sponsored by Maryville University.
Contact: Turan Mullins at 314/529-9300,

Date: January 23, 2014 -
February 6, 2015

Time: 8 AM – 5 PM

Event: Moments of SILENCE in Response to
the Ferguson Experience

Place: Harris-Stowe State University
Don and Heide Wolff Jazz Institute
and Art Gallery
3026 Laclede Avenue

Contact: Student Affairs at 314/340-5300 or
bakers@hssu.edu.



Date: January 24, 2015

Time: 10 – 11 AM

Event: Southside Safety Group

Place: St. Louis Public Library
Carondelet Branch
6800 Michigan Ave.

Listen to a panel discuss ways to keep yourself and your family safe. Ask questions about your neighborhood. Panel may include the 11th Ward Alderman Tom Villa and the 12th Ward Alderman Larry Arnowitz. Someone from the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department will be there too. Adults. **Contact:** 314/752-9224.



Date: January 25, 2015

Time: 3 PM

**Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Church
Celebration Essay Contest**

**Place: St. Alphonsus Liguori “Rock”
Catholic Church
1118 North Grand Blvd.**

Reading of the winning essays and awards presentations. Guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Doris Graham. Elected officials will be the special guests. Admission is free. Sponsored by State MLK Commissioner Anita Banks. **Contact:** Commissioner Anita Banks at 314/382-9545.



Date: January 25, 2015

Time: 3 PM

**Event: Youth Making a Difference
Keeping the Dream Alive**

**Place: New Perfect Peace Church
3540 Marcus**

Guest speaker will be Anthony “Tony” Thompson, CEO of Kwame Building Group. Refreshments will be served. Event sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King St. Louis Missouri Support Group, Rev. Robert Lloyd, President. Admission is free and

open to the public. **Contact:** Nikki Lloyd
at 314/324-0061.



Date: January 27, 2015

Time: 7 PM

Event: Barefoot Bookworms Book Discussion
Group

Place: St. Louis County Library
Rock Road Branch
10267 St. Charles Rock Rd.

This month we will read "One Crazy Summer"
by Rita Williams Garcia. Participants are
encouraged to wear their favorite slippers. Juice
provided. Pick up your copy of the book at the
front desk. Ages 7-11. Registration required.

Contact: Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or
jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at
www.slcl.org.



Date: January 28, 2015
Time: 7 PM
Event: Ishmael Beah, “Radiance of Tomorrow”
Place: St. Louis County Library
Headquarters
1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.

Former child soldier and author of the extraordinary memoir “A Long Way Gone,” Ishmael Beah presents his first novel, an affecting, tender parable about postwar life in Sierra Leone. At the center of “Radiance of Tomorrow” are Benjamin and Bockarie, two longtime friends and teachers who return to their small village after the civil war and try to forge a new community. With the gentle lyricism of a dream and the moral clarity of a fable, “Radiance of Tomorrow” is a powerful novel about preserving what means the most to us, even in uncertain times. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.



Date: January 29, 2015
Time: 10 AM
Event: Story Time: Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Place: St. Louis County Library
Rock Road Branch
10267 St. Charles Rock Rd.

Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday with a special story time of crafts, stories and fun! Ages 2-6. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon.
It is a weapon unique in history, which cuts
without wounding and enobles the man who
wields it.
It is a sword that heals.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Date: January 30, 2015

Time: 9 AM

**Event: Two Artists, Two Visions: Our
Collective Story**

**Place: Christ Church Cathedral Episcopal
Church
14th & Locust**

Exhibit Hours: Cathedral hours are 9 AM – 3 PM Mon.-Thurs. and until noon on Fridays. The Cathedral is open Sundays during worship hours 8 AM – 12:30 PM. Visitors are invited to explore the works of Allan Rohan Crite and Cbabi Bayoc. Both artists observed and documented African-American life in our communities. Crite is a renowned artist, famous for his documenting of African-Americans through scenes of everyday life in his “neighborhood paintings,” his illustrations of Negro spirituals, and his images of religious themes. St. Louis artist Cbabi Bayoc’s art also explores a variety of subjects exploring African-American music, life, family and relationships including his most recent artwork, a project titled “365 Days With Dad.” There will be an opening reception Friday with a gallery talk and guest Cbabi Bayoc (an admission fee of \$10 for this evening event only). The display will hang in the nave of Christ Church Cathedral throughout the month of February in celebration of Black History Month and will be free and open to the public. **Contact:** The Very

Reverend Michael Kinman, Dean Christ Church
Cathedral at 314/231-3454 or
mkinman@christchurchcathedral.us.



Date: January 31, 2015
Time: 3-5 PM
Event: Black History Award/Gospel
Celebration
Place: Afro World
7276 Natural Bridge Rd.

Featuring gospel recording artist Lady E, gospel
rap Mike Dyson and Angela Glenn. Bring a
canned good to share with those in need.
Contact: 314/389-5194 or
sforrest@afroworld.com.

Date: February 2015
Time: All Day
Event: Storytelling Quilt
Place: St. Louis County Library
Mid-County Branch
7821 Maryland Ave.

In January, members of the Mid-County branch
community contributed to telling the rich story
of Black Heritage through quilting. Stop by the
Mid-County branch to see the completed

community artwork. The quilt will be on display in the lobby through the month of February.

Contact: Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.



Date: February 2015

Time: All Day

Event: African-American Inventions Exhibit

Place: St. Louis County Library
Thornhill Branch
12863 Willowyck Dr.

Experience a hands-on exhibit of African-American innovation featuring African-American inventors such as Elijah McCoy, George Washington Carver, Madame C. J. Walker and Lonnie Johnson. Try out these early inventions that led to today's blood banks, refrigerators, traffic signals and the Supersoaker!

Contact: Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Everyone can be great,
because everyone can serve.
You only need a heart full of grace,
a soul generated by love.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Date: February, 2015

Time: All Day

Event: African-American Read-In Chain

Place: St. Louis Public Library
All Branches

The St. Louis Public Library joins the National Council of Teachers of English in a celebration of African-American authors. Be a link in the African-American Read-In Chain. **Contact your Branch to reserve seating.** St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation.

Date: February 1-7, 2015

Time: All Day

Event: Alice Walker Display

**Place: St. Louis Public Library
Buder Branch
4401 Hampton Ave.**

Icons of Popular Culture, 1985-1995: A Multi-Media Celebration. Adults. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.



Date: February 2, 2015

Time: All Day

Event: Unity Wreath

**Place: St. Louis County Library
Eureka Hills Branch
156 Eureka Towne Ctr.**

Celebrate diversity by helping to create a large unity wreath with your handprints. The wreath will be displayed in the library throughout the month of February. All ages. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

It may be true that the law cannot make a man love me, but it can stop him from lynching me, and I think that's pretty important.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Date: February 2, 2015

Time: All Day

Event: Unity Wreath

Place: St. Louis County Library
Tesson Ferry Branch
9920 Lin-Ferry Drive

Celebrate diversity by helping to create a large Unity Wreath with your hand-prints. The wreath will be displayed in the library throughout the month of February. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.



Date: February 2, 2015
Time: 4-5 PM
Event: 100 Reasons to Celebrate a Century
of Black Life, History and Culture
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Central Library
1301 Olive St.

Create a video montage celebrating a century of black history. Teens. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 2, 2015
Time: 7 PM
Event: Black History Film Series
"42"
Place: Harris-Stowe State University
HGA Auditorium
3026 Laclede Avenue

The story of Jackie Robinson from his signing with the Brooklyn Dodgers organization in 1945, to his historic 1947 rookie season when he broke the color barrier in Major League Baseball. **Contact:** Student Affairs at 314/340-5300 or bakers@hssu.edu.

Date: February 3, 2015
Time: 4:30-6 PM
Event: Age of Michael Jackson
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Barr Branch
1701 S. Jefferson Ave.

Honor the music and legacy of this famous figure with dance, karaoke, craft project and Name That Tune contest. Teens. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public

Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.



Date: February 3, 2015

Time: 7 PM

Event: History of Black Music in Arch City
Thornhill Branch
12863 Willowyck Dr.

From the jazz of Miles Davis, the rock 'n roll of Chuck Berry, the blues of Albert King, to the hip-hop of Nelly, St. Louis has birthed and raised several major musicians in African-American culture. In this 90-minute workshop, we will discuss their music and their myths and listen to their most popular and lesser-known works. Presented by Freedom Arts and Education. All ages. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

We must accept finite disappointment, but
we must never lose infinite hope.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Date: February 4, 2015

Time: 4-5 PM

Event: The Art of Horace Pippin
1930-1940s

Place: St. Louis Public Library
Central Library
1301 Olive St.

Celebrate a century of Black artists. Drawing inspiration from “A Splash of Red,” children explore art using paint and pencils. Program held in Central Library’s Children’s Room. Preschoolers and kids. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library’s Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.



Date: February 4, 2015
Time: 7 PM
Event: Drumology: From Africa to the Americas
Place: St. Louis County Library
Bridgeton Trails Branch

Artistically explore the function of drums and percussion as a means of cultural communication and expression. Presented by Springboard. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Date: February 4, 2015
Time: 7 PM
Event: Where Are We Now?
Place: Harris-Stowe State University
Gillespie Residence Hall Lobby
3025 Laclede Avenue

Forum and discussion on the state of African-Americans in the United States. **Contact:** Student Affairs at 314/340-5300 or bakers@hssu.edu.



Date: February 5, 2015

Time: 11 AM

Event: Lecture by Clarence Lang, Ph.D.

**Place: St. Louis Community College-
Forest Park, TC-100
5600 Oakland Ave.**

Dr. Clarence Lang, Associate Professor, African and African-American Studies and American Studies, University of Kansas will lecture on the topic “In the Face of Ferguson: Writing the Civil Rights Movement, Occupying History and the Shadow of the Sixties.” Building on the author’s previous work on African-American social movements in St. Louis, Missouri, this talk will offer historical, local and national context to the recent social unrest in the North St. Louis County community of Ferguson. This lecture will also discuss how ongoing events reflect unresolved popular and scholarly discourses about the post-World War II historical phenomenon known as the “Sixties.” **Contact:** Gary Forde at 314/644-9284 or Louis Williams, Ph.D. at 314/644-9256.

Date: February 5 and 19, 2015
Time: 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Event: Voter Registration
Place: Harris-Stowe State University
Bosley Residence Hall Lobby
3017 Laclede Avenue

Contact: Student Affairs at 314/340-5300 or bakers@hssu.edu.

Date: February 5, 2015
Time: Noon – 1:30 PM
Event: The Ferguson Experience
Place: Harris-Stowe State University
AT&T Library
3011 Laclede Avenue

Artists who captured the climate of Ferguson after the shooting of Michael Brown and the Grand Jury decision will discuss their interpretation of these events. **Contact:** Student Affairs at 314/340-5300 or bakers@hssu.edu.

Date: February 5, 2015
Time: 6-8 PM
Event: Movie: “The Color Purple” (1985)
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Buder Branch
4401 Hampton Ave.

Icons of Popular Culture, 1985-1995: A Multi-Media Celebration of Alice Walker. Adults. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library’s Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 6, 2015
Time: 7 PM
Event: The Black Rep
Place: St. Louis County Library
Headquarters
1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.

Contact: Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or
jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at
www.slcl.org.

Date: February 7, 2015
Time: 10 AM
Event: History of Black Music in Arch City
Place: St. Louis County Library
Grand Glaize Branch
1010 Meramec Station Rd.

From the jazz of Miles Davis, the rock ‘n roll of Chuck Berry, the blues of Albert King, to the hip-hop of Nelly, St. Louis has birthed and raised several major musicians in African-American culture. In this 90-minute workshop, we will discuss their music and their myths and listen to their most popular and lesser-known works. Presented by Freedom Arts and Education. Ages 13 and up. Registration required. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Date: February 7, 2015
Time: 11 AM – 1 PM
Event: St. Louis Throwback—Living
During 1965-1975
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Kingshighway Branch
2260 S. Vandeventer Ave.

An informal discussion with four-to-six individuals who share their experiences and

thoughts about Black History as it relates to religion, business, school and daily living. Q&A follows. Adults. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.



Date: February 7, 2015

Time: 2 PM

Event: History of Black Music in Arch City

Place: St. Louis County Library
Mid-County Branch
7821 Maryland Ave.

From the jazz of Miles Davis, the rock 'n roll of Chuck Berry, the blues of Albert King, to the hip-hop of Nelly, St. Louis has birthed and raised several major musicians in African-American culture. In this 90 minute workshop, we will discuss their music and their myths and listen to their most popular and lesser-known works. Presented by Freedom Arts and Education. Ages 13 and up. Registration required. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Date: February 7, 2015
Time: 2-3 PM
Event: The Kansas City Monarchs
in St. Louis
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Carondelet Branch
680 Michigan Ave.

Author Phil Dixon discusses the Negro Leagues in Missouri, focusing on the Kansas City Monarchs and highlights from five games they played against St. Louis teams. Adults. Books available for purchase courtesy of the author. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 7, 2015
Time: 3-5 PM
Event: Meet/Greet Author Dr. Johnson
Place: Afro World
7276 Natural Bridge Rd.

Dr. Johnson is the author of "The Black Biblical Heritage." Bring a canned good to share with those in need. **Contact:** 314/389-5194 or sforrest@afroworld.com.

Date: February 7, 2015
Time: 7 PM
Event: Tavis Smiley, "Death of a King: The Real Story of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Final Year"
Place: St. Louis County Library
Headquarters
1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.

Award-winning broadcaster and bestselling author Tavis Smiley presents a dramatic

chronicle of the twelve months leading up to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination and the trials and tribulations he faced following denunciations by the press and rejection from the president. Smiley's "Death of a King" paints a portrait of a leader and visionary in a narrative different from all that have come before. Here is an exceptional glimpse into King's life — one that adds both nuance and gravitas to his legacy as an American hero. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Date: February 8-14, 2015
Time: All Day
Event: Spike Lee Display
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Buder Branch
4401 Hampton Ave.

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Date: February 9, 2015
Time: 6:30 PM
Event: Black History Celebration: Potato Chip Tasting
Place: St. Louis County Library
Prairie Commons Branch
915 Utz Lane

Have you ever wondered who invented the potato chip? Come learn about George Crum, sample various types of potato chips and vote for the best. All ages. Registration required. Auditorium. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at

314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Date: February 9, 2015
Time: 7 PM
Event: Black History Month Film Series
“DJango Unchained”
Place: Harris-Stowe State University
HGA Auditorium
3026 Laclede Avenue

With the help of a German bounty hunter, a freed slave sets out to rescue his wife from a brutal Mississippi plantation owner. **Contact:** Student Affairs at 314/340-5300 or bakers@hssu.edu.

Date: February 9, 2015
Time: 7-8:30 PM
Event: St. Louis Civil Rights Stories
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Carpenter Branch
3309 S. Grand Blvd.

Experience the Civil Rights Era and its impact as told through the eyes of three veterans of the Civil Rights movement interviewed by a teenager. A PowerPoint presentation on Civil Rights moments is used as a background. Adults. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library’s Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.



Date: February 10, 2015

Time: 10 AM

Event: Black History Celebration: African-American Read-in

Place: St. Louis County Library
Prairie Commons Branch
915 Utz Lane

Celebrate Black History Month, “Having Our Voices Heard,” by taking part in the National African-American Read-in. Join us for stories and a craft. All ages. Registration required. Auditorium. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.



Date: February 10, 2015

Time: 10:30 AM

Event: Story Time Puppets

Place: St. Louis County Library
Oak Bend Branch
842 South Holmes Ave.

Experience a hands-on introduction of various African percussion instruments followed by

"The Lion and the Mouse" puppet show.
Presented by: Papa and Jackie Wright. Ages 3
and up. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-
3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at
www.slcl.org.



Date: February 10, 2015
Time: 2 PM
Event: Story Time Puppets
Place: St. Louis County Library
Florissant Valley Branch
195 New Florissant Rd., S.

Experience a hands-on introduction of various
African percussion instruments followed by
"The Lion and the Mouse" puppet show.
Presented by: Papa and Jackie Wright. Ages 3
and up. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-
3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at
www.slcl.org.



Date: February 10, 2015
Time: 4-5 PM
Event: Salute to Jackie Robinson
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Machacek Branch
6424 Scanlan Ave.

Watch a short video about Jackie Robinson and
create a baseball-style pennant about his life.
Kids. Admission is free and open to the public.
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Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda
Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.



Date: February 10, 2015

Time: 4-5 PM

Event: Creative Kids: So You Want to be President?

Place: St. Louis Public Library
Schlafly Branch
225 N. Euclid Ave.

Learn more about the first African-American President of the United States, Barack Obama, and make a button campaigning for yourself or an issue. Kids. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation.

Contact: Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.



Date: February 10, 2015

Time: 5:30 – 7 PM

Event: For Ex-SAMPLE: A Musical Revolution

Place: St. Louis Public Library
Buder Branch
4401 Hampton Ave.

Age-appropriate hip-hop & rap music accompanied with games to highlight the cultural and social impact brought on by the musical genre. Kids and Teens. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 11, 2015
Time: 4-5 PM
Event: Dancin' Feet to the Swing Era
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Cabanne Branch
1106 Union Blvd.

Learn the basic dance steps from the Swing Era of 1935-45. Plus a discussion about the artists and the music they produced during that period. Teens. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 11, 2015
Time: 4-5 PM
Event: From 'Fros to Cornrows: African-American Hair Through the Decades
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Carondelet Branch
6800 Michigan Ave.

Mekhat shares the different hairstyles worn by African-American women and men during the different decades in Missouri. Teens. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous
than sincere ignorance and conscientious
stupidity.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Date: February 11, 2015

Time: 4-5 PM

**Event: The Art of Romare Bearden
1950-1960s**

**Place: St. Louis Public Library
Central Library
1301 Olive St.**

Celebrate a century of Black artists. Use collage techniques to create cityscape and neighborhood block paintings in the style of Bearden's work. Program held in Central Library's Children's Room. Preschoolers and kids. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.



Date: February 11, 2015

Time: 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Event: Steppin' in the Decade

**Place: St. Louis Public Library
Kingshighway Branch
2260 S. Vandeventer Ave.**

A brief history of dance and music, including step demonstration and instruction by a local fraternity. Grades K-5. Admission is free and

open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 11, 2015
Time: 5:30-6:30 PM
Event: Hip Hop: The Historical Remix
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Barr Branch
1701 S. Jefferson Ave.

Cammise McInnis, M.Ed., discusses dance, DJing, MCing and the souls of many African-Americans as we perform a cultural mic check on a music genre that has been a cornerstone of the black experience for over three decades. Adults. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.



Date: February 11, 2015
Time: 6:30 PM
Event: Story Time Puppets
Place: St. Louis County Library
Headquarters
1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.

Experience a hands-on introduction of various African percussion instruments followed by "The Lion and the Mouse" puppet show. Presented by: Papa and Jackie Wright. Ages 3 and up. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Date/Time: February 11, 6:30 PM
February 12, Noon
Event: Movies @ Sachs: “Get On Up”
(2014)
Place: St. Louis County Library
Samuel C. Sachs Branch
16400 Burkhardt Place

Chadwick Boseman stars as James Brown in this biopic from director Tate Taylor (“The Help”). From a childhood spent in poverty to his emergence as the Godfather of Soul, Brown’s incredible life story is one of talent, determination and perseverance. MPAA rating: PG-13. Running time: 138 min. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.





Date: February 11, 2015

Time: 7 PM

**Event: Blast From the Past! Revisiting
Children's Literature: "Bud, Not
Buddy" by Christopher Paul Curtis**

**Place: St. Louis County Library
Cliff Cave Branch
5430 Telegraph Rd.**

In this month's selection, it's 1936 in Flint, Michigan, and when 10-year-old Bud decides to hit the road to find his father, nothing can stop him. Books are available one month prior to the discussion. This is an inter-generational book club. All ages welcome. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Like an unchecked cancer,
hate corrodes the personality
and eats away its vital unity.

Hate destroys a man's
sense of values
and his objectivity.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Date: February 11, 2015

Time: 7 PM

Event: Black History Quiz Bowl

**Place: Harris-Stowe State University
Bosley Dining Hall
3017 Laclede Avenue**

Quiz Bowl will be a competition of different groups of students and staff that tests their knowledge of Black History. **Contact:** Student Affairs at 314/340-5300 or bakers@hssu.edu.



Date: February 11, 2015

Time: 7 PM

Event: Book Bites

Place: St. Louis County Library
Grand Glaize Branch
1010 Meramec Station Rd.

Join this fun book discussion with crafts or trivia for kids. This month's book selection is "Abby Takes a Stand" by Patricia McKissack. The book is available one month prior to the discussion at the Grand Glaize Branch. Ages 8-11. Registration required. Room 1. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.



Date: February 11, 2015

Time: 7 PM

Event: Kadir Nelson, American Artist

Place: St. Louis Public Library
Schlafly Branch
225 N. Euclid Ave.

Born in 1974, Kadir Nelson is an American artist who currently exhibits his artwork in galleries and museums nationwide and abroad. His paintings are in the private and public permanent collections of several notable institutions including the Muskegon Museum of Art, the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, the International Olympic Committee and the U.S. House of Representatives. Nelson has created artwork for a host of distinguished clients including *Sports Illustrated*, the Coca-Cola Company, the U.S. Postal Service, Major League Baseball and Dreamworks SKG. He was the lead conceptual artist for Steven Spielberg's Oscar nominated feature film, "Amistad." Recently, Nelson created the cover artwork for *The New Yorker* magazine, which featured the late Nelson Mandela. He also created cover artwork for Michael Jackson's posthumously release album, "Michael," and the recording artist Drake's "Nothing Was the Same." Nelson has also authored and illustrated several award-winning New York Times bestselling picture books including, "We Are the Ship: The Story of the Negro League Baseball"; "Heart and Soul: The Story of American and African Americans"; "Nelson Mandela"; and most recently, "Baby Bear," published by Harper Collins in 2014. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 12, 2015

Time: 11 AM

Event: Lecture by Priscilla A Dowden-White, Ph.D.

**Place: St. Louis Community College-
Forest Park, Café East
5600 Oakland Ave.**

Dr. Dowden-White, Associate Professor and Undergraduate Coordinator of the History Department, University of Missouri-St. Louis, will lecture on “Groping Toward Democracy: African-American Social Welfare Reform in St. Louis, 1910-1949.” **Contact:** Gary Forde at 314/644-9284 or Louis Williams, Ph.D. at 314/644-9256.



Date: February 12, 2015
Time: 2 PM
Event: Poetry Discussion Group: Langston Hughes
Place: St. Louis County Library
Mid-County Branch
7821 Maryland Ave.

Do you want more poetry in your life? Please join us for Poetry Discussion Group. This month we will discuss the works of Langston Hughes, an influential African-American poet from the 1920's in celebration of Black History Month. Adults. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Date: February 12, 2015
Time: 4-5 PM
Event: DIY: Harlem Renaissance Poetry
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Walnut Park Branch
5760 W. Florissant Ave.

Explore the poetry of the Harlem Renaissance and create a poem. *Teens*. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 12, 2015
Time: 6-8 PM
Event: Movie: "Do the Right Thing" (1989)
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Buder Branch
4401 Hampton Ave.

Icons of Popular Culture, 1985-1995: A Multi-Media Celebration of Spike Lee. Adults. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.

The good neighbor looks beyond the
external accidents and discerns those inner
qualities that make all men human and,
therefore, brothers.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Date: February 12, 2015

Time: 6 PM

Event: History of Black Music in Arch City

**Place: St. Louis County Library
Natural Bridge Branch
7606 Natural Bridge Rd.**

From the jazz of Miles Davis, the rock 'n roll of Chuck Berry, the blues of Albert King, to the hip-hop of Nelly, St. Louis has birthed and raised several major musicians in African-American culture. In this 90-minute workshop, we will discuss their music and their myths and listen to their most popular and lesser-known works. Presented by Freedom Arts and Education. Ages 13 and up. Registration required. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Date: February 13, 2015

Time: 10 AM – 3 PM

Event: Black History Month Blood Drive

**Place: Harris-Stowe Stat University
HGA Annex
3026 Laclede Avenue**

Contact: Student Affairs at 314/340-5300 or bakers@hssu.edu.

Date: February 13, 2015
Time: 10 AM – 1 PM
Event: Annual Valentine AIDS Testing
Place: Harris-Stowe State University
Gillespie Residence Hall Health
Services
3025 Laclede Avenue

“If you love me, get tested.” **Contact:** Student Affairs at 314/340-5300 or bakers@hssu.edu.

Date: February 13, 2015
Time: 7 PM
Event: “Think Fast” Black History Game Show
Place: Harris-Stowe State University
Bosley Dining Hall
3017 Laclede Avenue

Think Fast is a fast-paced interactive program which allows participants to have fun while they learn facts about African-American history! It is set up just like a real game show; participants will use buzzers to signal that they have the answer to a question! Can you ThinkFast?!
Contact: Student Affairs at 314/340-5300 or bakers@hssu.edu.

Nonviolence means avoiding not only external physical violence, but also internal violence of spirit. You not only refuse to shoot a man, but you refuse to hate him.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Date: February 14, 2015

Time: 11 AM – 1 PM

Event: Take a Walk Down Memory Lane

Place: St. Louis Public Library

Baden Branch

8448 Church Road

Hear from those who lived during this era, view photos, listen to music and share your memories. Bring a picture in your favorite 1955-65 outfit and maybe win a prize. Followed by a movie, “A Raisin in the Sun.” Ages 12 & up/Families. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library’s Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual
power. We have guided missiles and
misguided men.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Date: February 14, 2015

Time: 2 PM

**Event: Afternoon Movie: “Jumping the
Broom”**

Place: St. Louis County Library

Samuel C. Sachs Branch

16400 Burkhardt Place

Hear a brief history from someone who actually jumped the broom before watching this romantic comedy. Running time: 112 min. MPAA rating: PG-13. Adults. Auditorium. **Contact:** Jennifer

McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org
or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Date: February 14, 2015
Time: 3-5 PM
Event: You're My Honeysuckle Rose: Sweet
Serenades with Charles and Nikki
Glenn
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Divoll Branch
4234 N. Grand Ave.

The Glenns revisit favorites from the 1920s and 30s. Bring your favorite 'sugar' and enjoy!
Adults. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 14, 2015
Time: 3-5 PM
Event: In-store Jazz Concert
Place: Afro World
7276 Natural Bridge Rd.

Concert will feature jazz recording artist Ron Wilkinson. Free gift for the ladies. Bring a canned good to share with those in need.
Contact: 314/389-5194 or sforrest@afroworld.com.

Date: February 15-21, 2015
Time: All Day
Event: Prince Display
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Buder Branch
4401 Hampton Ave.

Icons of Popular Culture, 1985-1995: A Multi-Media Celebration. Adults. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 15, 2015
Time: 3 PM
Event: Black History
Place: Solomon Temple M.B. Church
4859 St. Louis Ave.

Looking at the past, living in the present, preparing for the future. Performances by Youth of Solomon Temple M.B. Church, Pontoon Beach Baptist Church choir, Joy-fullettes gospel singers, Gospel Redeemers, Ivy Air gospel singers and Viola Biggers. A free-will offering will be accepted. Sponsored by Joys of Glory gospel singers. **Contact:** Ira S. Eubanks/Elmus Miller Jr. at 314/355-1528.



Date: February 15, 2015
Time: 3-4:30 PM
Event: Get Your Hat On! Sunday Afternoon
Hat Fashion Show
and Tea
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Schlafly Branch
225 N. Euclid Ave.

Kevin Smoot emcees a walk into the past as we model hats from the Harlem Renaissance-Era and finish the show with present day creations. Bring your hattitude and show off your own favorite hat! Hats furnished by Jolie Mackney of The Vintage Haberdashery and Ann Dillon of Ann's Hats and Boutique. Families. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public

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Date: February 17, 2015

Time: 10 AM

Event: Story Time Puppets

Place: St. Louis County Library
Cliff Cave Branch
5430 Telegraph Rd.

Experience a hands-on introduction of various African percussion instruments followed by "The Lion and the Mouse" puppet show. Presented by: Papa and Jackie Wright. Ages 3 and up. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Date: February 17, 2015

Time: 11 AM

Event: Lecture by Rasheed Aldridge

Place: St. Louis Community College-
Forest Park, Café East
5600 Oakland Ave.

Topic: “Young Activists United: Minimum Wage Struggle.” **Contact:** Gary Forde at 314/644-9284 or Louis Williams, Ph.D. at 314/644-9256.

Date: February 17, 2015

Time: 2 & 7 PM

Event: Pageturners “The Butler: a Witness to History” by Wil Haygood

Place: St. Louis County Library
Samuel C. Sachs Branch
16400 Burkhardt Place

Join us as we discuss the book that details the life of Eugene Allen, an African-American White House butler who watched some of the most important events in America's history firsthand as he served eight presidents. Adults. Auditorium. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.



Date: February 17, 2015

Time: 4-6 PM

Event: Motown in the Library

Place: St. Louis Public Library
Baden Branch
8448 Church Road

Sing karaoke to the great Motown legends and earn a gold record! Grades K-12. Admission is

free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.

In Selma, Alabama, 1965, the "march on ballot boxes" was met with extreme brutality. People from all over the country, including many clergymen, came to protest and support the demonstrations. One of them, Rev. James Reeb, was beaten to death.

*Quote from "Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968,
An Ebony Picture Biography"*

Date: February 17, 2015

Time: 6-7:30 PM

Event: A Night at Gaslight Square

**Place: St. Louis Public Library
Carpenter Branch
3309 S. Grand Blvd.**

Showcase your artistic talents and enjoy a dance performance by Gitana Productions in Carpenter's own Gaslight Square Lounge. Dress in 1920-1960's period costumes or make a headpiece to wear as you strut your stuff.

Registration required. Teens. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.



Date: February 17, 2015
Time: 6 PM
Event: Black History Celebration: African Mask Workshop
Place: St. Louis County Library
Mid-County Branch
7821 Maryland Ave.

Create, design, and decorate your own African mask. All ages. Registration required. Auditorium. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.



Date: February 18 & 19, 2015
Time: 10 AM
Event: Special Story Time: African Folktales
Place: St. Louis County Library
Natural Bridge Branch
7606 Natural Bridge Rd.

Using traditional folktales and songs as our compass, let's take a trip through the beautiful continent of Africa! Recommended for ages 3-7. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Date: February 18, 2015
Time: 1:30 – 3:30 PM
Event: Julia Davis Community Resource Fair
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Julia Davis Branch
4415 Natural Bridge Ave.

Representatives from the St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE) will be on hand to provide information to job seekers.

Learn about the resource providers in your area!
Adults. **Contact:** 314/383-3021.



Date: February 18, 2015
Time: 2 PM
Event: Senufo Spirit Drawings
Place: St. Louis County Library
Natural Bridge Branch
7606 Natural Bridge Rd.

Let's make some beautiful art and celebrate the Senufo people of West Africa's Ivory Coast. Ages 7-11. Registration required. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Date: February 18, 2015
Time: 2 PM
Event: Bookworms Book Discussion Group:
"The Good Lord Bird" by James
McBride
Place: St. Louis County Library
Cliff Cave Branch
5430 Telegraph Rd.

Fleeing his violent master with abolitionist John Brown, Henry pretends to be a girl throughout the raid on Harper's Ferry in 1859. Books are available one month prior to the discussion.

Newcomers welcome. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.



Date: February 18, 2015
Time: 4-5 PM
Event: The Art of Jean-Michel Basquiat
1980s
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Central Library
1301 Olive St.

Celebrate a century of Black artists. Using mixed media forms and chalk on dark paper, children will create works reminiscent of Basquiat's graffiti. Program held in Central Library's Children's Room. Preschoolers and kids. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 18, 2015
Time: 7 PM
Event: Novel Ideas Book Discussion Group:
"The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace: A Brilliant Young Man Who Left Newark for the Ivy League" by Jeff Hobbs
Place: St. Louis County Library
Cliff Cave Branch
5430 Telegraph Rd.

A talented young African-American man escapes the slums of Newark for Yale University only to succumb to the dangers of the streets—and of one's own nature—when he returns home. Newcomers welcome. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Date: February 19, 2015
Time: All day
Event: Black History Health Fair
Place: Harris-Stowe State University
HGA Lower Level
3026 Laclede Avenue

This event will focus on the “body” portion of Black History Month activities. There will be general health checkups, blood pressure checks and several other organizations will provide health information. **Contact:** Student Affairs at 314/340-5300 or bakers@hssu.edu.



Date: February 19, 2015
Time: 10 - 10:45 AM
Event: Story Time featuring African-American Authors
Place: St. Louis County Library
Mid-County Branch
7821 Maryland Ave.

Join us for a story time featuring picture books written by African-American authors. Stay for a craft that celebrates diversity. Ages 2-5.
Contact: Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.



Date: February 19, 2015
Time: 11 AM
Event: Panel Discussion on Racial Profiling
in the 21st Century
Place: St. Louis Community College-
Forest Park, Café East
5600 Oakland Ave.

Panelists will be representatives from Missouri State Highway Patrol, St. Louis Police Training Academy and William Tucker, Esq., Asst. Professor and Coordinator Criminal Justice program at St. Louis Community College-Forest Park. This panel will discuss racial profiling from the perspective of three African-American professionals who are intimately involved in the law enforcement area. **Contact:** Gary Forde at 314/644-9284 or Louis Williams, Ph.D. at 314/644-9256.



Date: February 19, 2015
Time: 11:30 AM
Event: Budding Artists Celebrates Black
History Month
Place: St. Louis County Library
Natural Bridge Branch
7606 Natural Bridge Rd.

Join us for a preschool art program where the focus is on the process of making art rather than the finished product. This month we will be making a paper doll chain to celebrate communities and togetherness during black history month. Art activities will be open-ended and explorative in nature. Dress to be messy. Ages 3-6. Registration required. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Date: February 19, 2015
Time: 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Event: Voter Registration
Place: Harris-Stowe State University
Bosley Residence Hall Lobby
3017 Laclede Avenue

Contact: Student Affairs at 314/340-5300 or
bakers@hssu.edu.



Date: February 19, 2015
Time: 3:30-4:30 PM
Event: Million Man and Woman March
Button Making
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Julia Davis Branch
4415 Natural Bridge Ave.

Discover the issues they stood for and share your cause for today. Make buttons featuring slogans and issues relating to community empowerment. Kids/Teens/Families. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 19, 2015
Time: 6-8 PM
Event: Movie: "Graffiti Bridge"
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Buder Branch
4401 Hampton Ave.

Icons of Popular Culture, 1985-1995: A Multi-Media Celebration of Prince. Adults. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis

Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.



Date: February 20, 2015

Time: 10 AM

Event: Story Time Puppets

Place: St. Louis County Library
Samuel C. Sachs Branch

Experience a hands-on introduction of various African percussion instruments followed by "The Lion and the Mouse" puppet show. Presented by: Papa and Jackie Wright. Ages 3 and up. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.



Date: February 20, 2015
Time: 11 AM – 12:30 PM
Event: “The Road to Brown”
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Machacek Branch
6424 Scanlan Ave.

View and discuss the documentary film, “The Road to Brown,” the landmark story of the 1953 Brown v. Board of Education, Supreme Court decision that outlawed segregation in American public schools (56 min.) Adults. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library’s Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.



Date: February 20, 2015
Time: 1 PM
Event: Black History Tour of the City
Place: Harris-Stowe State University
Gillespie Residence Hall Lobby
3025 Laclede Avenue

African-Americans were essential in the development of St. Louis, and St. Louis has a rich history of events that took place in various locations throughout the city. This tour will provide you with information and knowledge about African-American history in St. Louis. Stops on the tour include: Old Court House where the Dred Scot decision was made; Jefferson Bank where the African-American Community launched a series of demonstrations to protest the widespread practice of not employing blacks by many of the major companies in the City of St. Louis which led to the demise of formal segregation locally; and Fairground Park, the site of Benton Barracks which served as the headquarters of Camp Benton in the Civil War. Benton Barracks served as a camp for refugee slaves who could obtain their freedom by becoming a Union soldier. Fairground Park was also a public park with the first municipal pool in St. Louis. In 1949, the city opened the pool to blacks which lead to the first race riot in the St. Louis area. **Contact:** Student Affairs at 314/340-5300 or bakers@hssu.edu.

Date: February 20, 2015

Time: 7 PM

Event: Set the Night to Music

Place: St. Louis County Library

Florissant Valley Branch

195 New Florissant Rd., S.

Saxophonist Rhoda G is one of the most respected talents in St. Louis. She has opened for some of the most celebrated R&B acts of our time, both in the U.S. and abroad. The evening will also feature R&B Singer Tish Haynes.

Contact: Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.



Date: February 21, 2015
Time: 10 AM
Event: Drumology: From Africa to the Americas
Place: St. Louis County Library
Tesson Ferry Branch
9920 Lin-Ferry Dr.

Artistically explore the function of drums and percussion as a means of cultural communication and expression. Presented by Springboard. All ages. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.



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Event: Drumology: From Africa to the Americas
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Samuel C. Sachs Branch
16400 Burkhardt Place

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Date: February 21, 2015
Time: 2 PM
Event: Famous African-Americans
Place: St. Louis County Library
Bridgeton Trails Branch
3455 McKelvey Rd.

Enjoy learning about important African-Americans that had a great impact in history. All ages. Registration required. Room 2. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

James Meredith, the lone student to integrate the University of Mississippi in 1962, started an even lonelier pilgrimage from Memphis to Jackson in June 1966, to encourage voter registration. He was shot and wounded by a sniper, but was able to rejoin the march in its last stage.

Quote from "Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968, An Ebony Picture Biography"

Date: February 21, 2015

Time: 3-5 PM

**Event: Conversation with Journalist
Sylvester Brown**

**Place: Afro World
7276 Natural Bridge Rd.**

Journalist Sylvester Brown, founder of the Sweet Potato Project will be speaking on what's next for our community. Bring a canned good to share with those in need. **Contact:** 314/389-5194 or sforrest@afroworld.com.

In the end, we will remember not the words
of our enemies, but the silence of our
friends.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Date: February 22-28, 2015

Time: All Day

Event: Toni Morrison Display

**Place: St. Louis Public Library
Buder Branch
4401 Hampton Ave.**

Icons of Popular Culture, 1985-1995: A Multi-Media Celebration. Adults. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 22, 2015

Time: 2 PM

Event: Crisis 101: Surviving and Thriving in an Era of Perpetual Crisis and How it Relates to African-American History and Culture

**Place: St. Louis Public Library
Central Library
1301 Olive St.**

Keynote address by Ms. Judy Smith, America's No. 1 Crisis Management expert and founder and president of Smith & Company, a leading strategic and crisis communications firm with offices in Washington DC and Los Angeles. Over the last 25 years, Ms. Smith has brought her unique combination of communication

skills, media savvy, legal and political acumen to clients facing a wide array of issues and challenges throughout the United States and abroad. Best known in media circles for her expertise as a crisis management advisor, Ms. Smith has served as a consultant for a host of high profile celebrity and entertainment clients over the course of her career. As a result of her wide ranging and ground breaking career, Shonda Rhimes developed a television drama about the world of crisis management inspired by Ms. Smith. The series entitled "Scandal," revolves around the life and work of a professional fixer. Ms. Smith serves as co-executive producer of the project and provides insight and technical expertise on crisis management issues. She is the author of the book, "Good Self, Bad Self," published by Free Press, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Inc. She has received numerous communications and leadership awards and is active in community service. Admission is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the FRIENDS of the St. Louis Public Library should call 314/539-0359 for limited reserved seating. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 22, 2015

Time: 3 PM

Event: Black History

**Place: Compton Hill M.B. Church
3141 LaSalle St.**

Profiling various Black St. Louisans and companies. Performances by Joyfullettes gospel singers, Joys of Glory, Ivy Air gospel singers and more. A free-will offering will be accepted. Sponsored by the Church at large. **Contact:** Angelia Johnson at 314/771-7971.



Date: February 23, 2015

Time: 6:30 PM

Event: Family Movie: “Sounder”

Place: St. Louis County Library
Samuel C. Sachs Branch
16400 Burkhardt Place

The oldest son of a loving and strong family of black sharecroppers comes of age in the Depression-era south after his father is imprisoned for stealing food. Running time: 105 min. MPAA Rating: G. Auditorium.
Contact: Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.



Date: February 23, 2015

Time: 7-8:30 PM

Event: “Against All the Odds”

Place: St. Louis Public Library
Carpenter Branch
3309 S Grand Blvd.

Watch the video “Against All the Odds.” Then participate in a discussion with filmmaker Sandra Pfeifer. Families. Admission is free and

open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 23, 2015

Time: 7 PM

Event: Craft Lab: Black History Month Edition, African Bangle Bracelets

Place: St. Louis County Library
Natural Bridge Branch
7606 Natural Bridge Rd.

Join staff at the Natural Bridge branch as we try out new crafts and creative techniques. We will be celebrating Black History Month in style by creating bangle bracelets done in a variety of cloths that celebrate diversity and culture.

Adults. Registration required. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Date: February 23, 2015

Time: 7 PM

Event: Black History Month Film Series
"Malcolm X"

Place: Harris-Stowe State University
HGA Auditorium
3026 Laclede Avenue

"Malcolm X" is a 1992 American biographical drama film about the African-American activist Malcolm X. **Contact:** Student Affairs at 314/340-5300 or bakers@hssu.edu.

Date: February 23, 2015
Time: 7 PM
Event: Cooking Comfort Food
Place: St. Louis County Library
Thornhill Branch
12863 Willowyck Dr.

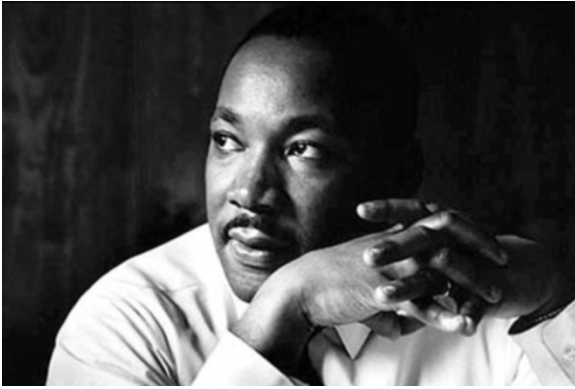
Add some spice to your February. Join us as a local chef from GobbleSTOP Smokehouse demonstrates some of their most popular menu items. Adults. Registration required. Auditorium. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Date: February 24, 2015
Time: 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Event: Taste of Soul
Place: Harris-Stowe State University
Bosley Dining Hall
3017 Laclede Avenue

Lunch in Bosley Dining Hall which will feature “soul food” and music. **Contact:** Student Affairs at 314/340-5300 or bakers@hssu.edu.

We are prone to judge success by the index
of our salaries or the size of our
automobiles, rather than by the quality of
our service and relationship to humanity.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Date: February 24, 2015

Time: 4-5:30 PM

Event: Channeling the Charleston: Dance-Alike Contest Highlighting Josephine Baker

Place: St. Louis Public Library
Divoll Branch
4234 N. Grand Ave.

Pay homage to Josephine Baker, a popular female performer of the era, with a presentation on her life and talent followed by a Dance-Alike contest in which participants compete to see who can best copy Baker's moves. Grades K-5. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 24, 2015

Time: 6:30 PM

Event: History of Black Music in Arch City

Place: St. Louis County Library
Prairie Commons Branch
915 Utz Lane

From the jazz of Miles Davis, the rock 'n roll of Chuck Berry, the blues of Albert King, to the

hip-hop of Nelly, St. Louis has birthed and raised several major musicians in African-American culture. In this 90 minute workshop, we will discuss their music and their myths and listen to their most popular and lesser-known works. Ages 13 and up. Registration required. Auditorium. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.



Date: February 24, 2015

Time: 7 PM

Event: Come See a Play! “Sweet Jenn, A Living Exhibit” by Lakeetha Blakeney

**Place: St. Louis County Library
Natural Bridge Branch
7606 Natural Bridge Rd.**

Written and performed by Lakeetha Blakeney, the mission of “Sweet Jenn” is to help raise awareness about a time in the past by shedding light on the female slave narratives that have been captured in American literature, yet are rarely explored and to continue conversation on this difficult topic. Blakeney has expertly woven the various narratives into a dramatically-layered and lyrical one-woman show. Families.

Contact: Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

I believe that what self-centered people have
torn down,
other-centered people can build up.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Date: February 24, 2015
Time: 7 PM
Event: P.J. Story Time
Place: St. Louis County Library
Samuel C. Sachs Branch
16400 Burkhardt Place

Join us for a variety of African-American stories, songs and finger plays. We will make a craft too. You can even wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed friend or blanket. Ages 3-6. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.



Date: February 24, 2015
Time: 7 PM
Event: Drumology: From Africa to the Americas
Place: St. Louis County Library
Daniel Boone Branch
300 Clarkson Road

Artistically explore the function of drums and percussion as a means of cultural communication and expression. Presented by Springboard. All ages. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Date: February 24, 2015
Time: 7 PM
Event: African-American History and Genealogy
Place: St. Louis County Library
Cliff Cave Branch
5430 Telegraph Rd.

Tonight we're hosting a special guest speaker, Delia Cook Gillis, to show photographs and talk about the Civil Rights Era. We'll also be examining some of the many resources available for African-American genealogical research.

Contact: Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.



Date: February 24, 2015

Time: 7 PM

Event: Remixing Malcolm X (Part 1), The Legacy of the Organization of African-American Unity and the Coming of the Post-Obama Era

Place: Harris-Stowe State University
Early Childhood Development Center
Professional Development Room
10 N. Compton Avenue

Guest speaker will be Rev. Andrew Rollins III, Pastor of St. James AME Church, San Jose, CA, a former member of the Kansas City Black Panther party. **Contact:** Student Affairs at 314/340-5300 or bakers@hssu.edu.



Date: February 25, 2015
Time: 4-5 PM
Event: The Art of Kara Walker
1990-Present
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Central Library
1301 Olive St.

Celebrate a century of Black artists. With the assistance of an overhead projector, create silhouettes similar to those of Walker's art. Program held in Central Library's Children's Room. Preschoolers and kids. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 25, 2015
Time: 5:30 PM
Event: Remixing Malcolm X (Part II)
Place: Harris-Stowe State University
AT&T Library
3011 Laclede Avenue

Panel discussion on faith and civic society after Ferguson. **Contact:** Student Affairs at 314/340-5300 or bakers@hssu.edu.



Date: February 25, 2015
Time: 6:30 PM
Event: Black History Month: "The Secret Life of Bees" (2008)
Place: St. Louis County Library
Bridgeton Trails Branch
3455 McKelvey Rd.

Come to the library for a family movie. All ages. MPAA Rating: PG 13. Running time: 114 min.

Room 1. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Date: February 25, 2015

Time: 7 PM

Event: Beyond Book Bites

Place: St. Louis County Library
Grand Glaize Branch
1010 Meramec Station Rd.

Teens and tweens lead the book discussion meeting. This month's book selection is "Monster" by Walter Dean Myers. The book is available one month prior to the discussion at the Grand Glaize Branch. Ages 11-15. Registration required. Room 1. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.



Date: February 25, 2015

Time: 7 PM

Event: "Café Soul," Spoken Word and Poetry

Place: Harris-Stowe State University
Bosley Dining Hall
3017 Laclede Avenue

Students, faculty and staff will perform spoken word and poetry. **Contact:** Student Affairs at 314/340-5300 or bakers@hssu.edu.

Date: February 26, 2015
Time: TBA
Event: Theatre Production: “Wrapped in Rainbows”
Place: St. Louis Community College-Forest Park
Mildred E. Bastian Center for the Performing Arts
5600 Oakland Ave.

This production is a reader’s theatre of African-American poetry, prose and drama compiled and directed by Carla Moody, Associate Professor, Communications and Mass Communications, St. Louis Community College-Forest Park.
Contact: Gary Forde at 314/644-9284 or Louis Williams, Ph.D. at 314/644-9256.

Date: February 26, 2015
Time: 11 AM
Event: An Evening with Alberta Hunter and Moms Mabley
Place: St. Louis Community College-Forest Park
5600 Oakland Ave.

This is a one-woman performance directed and performed by Fannie Libby. **Contact:** Gary Forde at 314/644-9284 or Louis Williams, Ph.D. at 314/644-9256.

Date: February 26, 2015
Time: 6-8 PM
Event: Movie: “Toni Morrison”
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Buder Branch
4401 Hampton Ave.

Icons of Popular Culture, 1985-1995: A Multi-Media Celebration of Toni Morrison. Adults. Admission is free and open to the public. St.

Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 26, 2015

Time: 7 PM

Event: Lives and Property in Antebellum St. Louis County

Place: St. Louis County Library
Thornhill Branch
12863 Willowick Dr.

Join Missouri State Archivist Michael Everman for a captivating presentation on historical court records in St. Louis County that depict important aspects of the lives and relationships of persons, including property and businesses they owned as well as the interactions of free and enslaved African-Americans. A captivating journey for anyone interested in local history and genealogy. Adults. Auditorium. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.



Date: February 26, 2015

Time: 7-8 PM

Event: Black History Month Bookmark Contest Award Ceremony

Place: St. Louis Public Library
Schlafly Branch
225 N. Euclid

Teens create a bookmark around the theme of a Century of Black life, history and culture. Families. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 26, 2015
Time: 7 – 8:30 PM
Event: African-Americans in Conservation
Place: Missouri Sierra Club Office
2828 Sutton Blvd.

Hear from African-Americans who play a leadership role in conservation issues in Missouri. Special guests include State Representative Clem Smith, Harry Jackson, Jr., trails writer for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and Dennis Cooke, outdoors skills specialist at the Missouri Department of Conservation. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Missouri Sierra Club. **Contact:** John Hickey at 314/644-1011 or john.hickey@sierraclub.org.

Date: February 26, 2015
Time: 7-8:30 PM
Event: Black Rep Theatre Workshop
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Julia Davis Branch
4415 Natural Bridge Ave.

Professional artists from The Black Rep perform a theatre and explain the background work that goes into creating a production. Adults. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.



Date: February 28, 2015
Time: 1-3 PM
Event: The Roaring '20s: Saluting Harlem in Style
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Walnut Park Branch
5760 W. Florissant Ave.

Mistress of Ceremonies Helen French, owner of Frenchie's Quality Cleaners, emcees a small fashion show featuring models wearing flapper dresses, cloche hats, and head-turning accessories, etc. of the Harlem Renaissance. Clothing, models and display materials provided by representatives from Block Unit 943F; Washington Tabernacle Baptist Church; and Frenchie's Quality Cleaners. Also see a display of related clothing/accessories and pictures. Adults. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library's Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 28, 2015
Time: 2 PM
Event: Reading Women: "Betsey Brown: A Novel" by Ntozake Shange
Place: St. Louis County Library
Thornhill Branch
12863 Willowyck Dr.

This is a unique and vividly told novel about a girl named Betsey Brown, an African-American seventh-grader growing up in St. Louis, Missouri in the late 1950's. While rendering a complete portrait of Betsey, the author also profiles her friends, her family, her home, her school and her world. This world, though a work of fiction, is based closely and carefully on actual history, specifically on the nationwide school desegregation events of the Civil Rights

movement in America's recent past. Copies of the book are available for checkout one month prior to the meeting. Small meeting room.

Contact: Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Life's most persistent and urgent question is,
what are you doing for others?

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Date: February 28, 2015

Time: 2 PM

Event: Drumology: From Africa to the Americas

Place: St. Louis County Library
Florissant Valley Branch
195 New Florissant Rd., S.

Artistically explore the function of drums and percussion as a means of cultural communication and expression. Presented by Springboard. All ages. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.



Date: February 28, 2015

Time: 3 PM

Event: Black History Month Family Game Event

Place: St. Louis County Library
Natural Bridge Branch
7606 Natural Bridge Rd.

How much do you know about Black history?
Demonstrate your knowledge and show off your

skills in a variety of entertaining games. Prizes and snacks will be available. Families. **Contact:** Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.



Date: February 28, 2015
Time: 3-5 PM
Event: Our Fighting Men and Women:
Changing the Culture
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Cabanne Branch
1106 Union Blvd.

African-American men and women who served led to changes in the culture of the United States and its military. See “Inside Buffalo,” which follows the segregated African-American 92nd Buffalo Soldiers Division and their experiences. Panelists from Tom Powell Post 77 discuss these events followed by an opportunity to honor our veterans in attendance. Families. Admission is free and open to the public. St. Louis Public Library’s Black History Month programming is made possible by the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. **Contact:** Linda Smith at 314/880-8759 or lsmith@slpl.org.

Date: February 28, 2015
Time: 3-5 PM
Event: Author Series Meet/Greet
Place: Afro World
7276 Natural Bridge Rd.

Meet authors Keith Antone Willis Sr., “10 Laws of the Ultimate Rainmaker;” John E. Fortson, “According to God’s Word;” and HC Armstrong, “Who Are You!” Bring a canned good to share with those in need. **Contact:** 314/389-5194 or sforrest@afroworld.com.



Date: February 28, 2015

Time: 7 PM

Event: Gift of Gospel Celebration

Place: St. Louis County Library

Florissant Valley Branch

195 New Florissant Rd., S.

Enjoy a myriad of gospel artists who will leave you feeling encouraged and inspired. Featuring the Voices of Glory (made popular by America's Got Talent). Refreshments will be served.

Contact: Jennifer McBride at 314/994-3300 or jmcbride@slcl.org or visit the website at www.slcl.org.

Date: March 7, 2015

Time: 3-5 PM

Event: Meet Actress/Life Coach Redina

Medley

Place: Afro World

7276 Natural Bridge Rd.

Redina Medley will perform a one act excerpt of her story, "The New Harriet Tubman." Bring a canned good to share with those in need.

Contact: 314/389-5194 or sforrest@afroworld.com.

The curse of poverty has no justification in
our age.

It is socially as cruel and blind
as the practice of cannibalism at the
dawn of civilization.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Date: March 14, 2015
Time: 3-5 PM
Event: Meet/Greet Educator Angela Green
Place: Afro World
7276 Natural Bridge Rd.

Angela Green will present the history and future of quilting and its historical relevance. Bring a canned good to share with those in need.

Contact: 314/389-5194 or
sforrest@afroworld.com.

Date: March 21, 28, and April 4
Time: 10 AM – Noon
Event: Quilting Class
Place: Afro World
7276 Natural Bridge Rd.

Quilting class with Angela Green. Cost is \$75. Some supplies will be provided. Bring a canned good to share with those in need. **Contact:**

314/389-5194 or
sforrest@afroworld.com.

Date: March 22, 2015
Time: 3 PM
Event: 155th Church Anniversary
Place: Compton Hill M.B. Church
3141 LaSalle St.

Theme: The influence of the church. A free-will offering will be accepted. Sponsored by Women's Missionary Union. **Contact:** Virginia Bland at 314/524-1936.

All men are caught in an inescapable
network of mutuality.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Date: April 18, 2015
Time: 3-5 PM
Event: Meet/Greet Author Dr. Eugene Redmond
Place: Afro World
7276 Natural Bridge Rd.

As part of poetry month hosted by David A.N. Jackson, meet author Dr. Eugene Redmond. Bring a canned good to share with those in need.
Contact: 314/389-5194 or sforrest@afroworld.com.

Date: May 2, 2015
Time: 11 AM & 3 PM
Event: Rosebud Hat Show
Place: Afro World
7276 Natural Bridge Rd.

In-store hat show featuring Harriet Rosebud.
Theme: 45th meet 25th Anniversary. Cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Bring a canned

good to share with those in need. **Contact:**
314/389-5194 or
sforrest@afroworld.com.

Date: May 24, 2015
Time: 3 PM
Event: 38th Year Anniversary
Place: Central Baptist Church
2842 Washington Ave.

Musical performance by Spencer Taylor 6
Highway QC's. Admission is \$20 per person.
Sponsored by Joyfullettes gospel singers.
Contact: Margaret Simmons at 314/475-5596
or 314/650-8113.

Date: June 2015
Event: Afro World's 45th Year Celebration
Place: Afro World
7276 Natural Bridge Rd.

Call for details. Bring a canned good to share
with those in need. **Contact:** 314/389-5194 or
sforrest@afroworld.com.



Date: June 13, 2015
Time: 3-5 PM
Event: Juneteenth In-store Celebration
Place: Afro World
7276 Natural Bridge Rd.

Bring a canned good to share with those in need.

Contact: 314/389-5194 or
sforrest@afroworld.com.

Date: June 28, 2015
Time: 3 PM
Event: Ushers' and Health Unit
Place: Compton Hill M.B. Church
3141 LaSalle St.

Annual day. Admission is free. **Contact:** Sis.
Pamela Wallace at 314/771-7971.

Date: July 12, 2015
Time: 3 PM
Event: 52nd Anniversary
Place: Mount Zion M.B. Church
1444 South Compton

Theme: On our way to Zion. Motto: Better
Country. Masters of ceremonies will be WGNU
radio personalities Mel St. Clair and Stella
Norris. Performance by Gospel Wings Mt. Zion
Choir. A free-will offering will be accepted.
Sponsored by Ivy Air gospel singers. **Contact:**
Gerta M. Spraft at 314/382-7449.

Date: August 1, 2015
Time: All Day
Event: Outdoor Quilts Display
Place: Afro World
7276 Natural Bridge Rd.

Display outdoor quilts in honor of Afro World's 45th Anniversary. Bring a canned good to share with those in need. **Contact:** 314/389-5194 or sforrest@afroworld.com.

Date: August 23, 2015

Time: 3 PM

Event: Men's & Women's Day

Place: Compton Hill M.B. Church
3141 LaSalle

Theme: Togetherness with a useful purpose in mind. Men and women of the church serve as speakers with invited friends. A free-will offering will be accepted. Sponsored by the church at large. **Contact:** Deacons at 314/771-7971.



Date: August 30, 2015

Time: 3 PM

Event: Feed our Future Children

Place: Solomon Temple M.B. Church
4859 St. Louis Ave.

Combatting childhood hunger in St. Louis public schools. Performances by Cool Valley singers, LASX singers, Compton Hill M.B. church choir, Anita Williams, St. Louis Public Schools and others. A free-will offering will be accepted. Sponsored by Joys of Glory gospel singers. **Contact:** Elmus Miller Jr. at 314/355-7528.

Date: September 6, 2015
Time: 3 PM
Event: 54th Year Anniversary
Place: TBA

Various singing groups throughout the St. Louis area will perform along with Joys of Glory gospel singers and Ivy Airs. The mistress of ceremonies will be Leatha King. A free-will offering will be accepted. Sponsored by Jordan Air gospel singers. **Contact:** Leatha Paraham-Young at 314/725-2514.

Date: September 19, 2015
Time: 3-5 PM
Event: In-Store Fashion Show
Place: Afro World
7276 Natural Bridge Rd.

Fashion show will feature Jennifer Cobb and CO2. Bring a canned good to share with those in need. **Contact:** 314/389-5194 or sforrest@afroworld.com.

Date: September 20, 2015
Time: 3 PM
Event: 52nd Year Anniversary
Place: Solomon Temple M.B. Church
4859 St. Louis Ave.

Theme: Better Living Together. Motto:
Working the Road. Musical performances by

Solomon Temple choir, Atchison singers, Jordon Airs, Kings of Joy and Greater Providence M.B. church choir. A free-will offering will be accepted. Sponsored by Joys of Glory gospel singers. **Contact:** Ira J. Eubanks at 314/533-8705.

Date: September 22, 2015
Time: 3 PM
Event: Grace Choir Annual Day
Place: Compton Hill M.B. Church
3141 LaSalle St.

Choir Annual Day. Admission is free. **Contact:** Sis. Linda Rucker at 314/771-7971.

Date: October 10 & 24, 2015
Time: 3-5 PM
Event: Health Awareness Challenge
Place: Afro World
7276 Natural Bridge Rd.

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
Bring a canned good to share with those in need.
Contact: 314/389-5194 or
sforrest@afroworld.com.

Date: October 24, 2015
Time: Noon – 4 PM
Event: Valeda's Hope Pink and Pearls Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon
Place: Spa310's
12031 Lackland Road

Breast health education lunch will feature comedy, vendors and a mammogram van. Special guest will include Dr. Heidi Miller, Dr. Lannis Hall and Dr. Jovita Dryman. Award winning performing artists will be announced

later. Admission is \$30. Sponsored by the Missouri Foundation for Health. **Contact:** Valeda Keys at valeda@mystrengthisyourstrength.com or visit www.valedashope.org.

Early in 1957 sixty black leaders founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and elected Martin Luther King Jr. president. In May he organized the Prayer Pilgrimage in Washington, D.C., the biggest civil rights demonstration that had been made by Negroes.

Quote from "Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968, An Ebony Picture Biography"

Date: November 1, 2015
Time: 3:30 PM
Event: Major Day
Place: Martin Temple
959 Goodfellow Blvd.

Musical and praise dancers. Also performing will be Gospel Redeemers, Joys of Glory gospel singers and New Sounds of Joy. A free-will offering will be accepted. Sponsored by Joyfullettes gospel singers and Jordan Aires.
Contact: Margaret Simmons at 314/475-5596 or 314/650-8113.

Date: November 7, 2015
Time: 9 AM – 6 PM
Event: Customer Appreciation Day
Place: Afro World
7276 Natural Bridge Rd.

Guest performances by local artists. Hosted by Latasha Dyson. Featuring gospel rapper Mike Dyson, author/poet/rapper Stanley Pitchford and more. Bring a canned good to share with those in need. **Contact:** 314/389-5194 or sforrest@afroworld.com.

Date: November 22, 2015
Time: 1 PM
Event: Annual Harvest Coming
Place: Compton Hill M.B. Church
3141 LaSalle St.

Feed the Hungry. Admission is free. Sponsored by Usher Board and Health Unit of Compton Hill M.B. Church. **Contact:** Sis. Pamela Wallace at 314/771-7971.

Date: December 11, 2015
Time: Noon
Event: Food Basket Distribution
Place: Compton Hill M.B. Church
3141 LaSalle St.

Food baskets distributed to parents of students of various communities. Names submitted by Social Services. Counselors and students from St. Louis public schools will participate. Food donations are requested. Sponsored by Joys of Glory gospel singers. **Contact:** Hattie Hardin at 314/862-4203.

Date: December 12, 2015
Time: Noon
Event: Toys for Tots
Place: Compton Hill M.B. Church
3141 LaSalle St.

Toys distributed through Salvation Army by Compton Hill M.B. Church only to parents who submitted applications for toys 40 days in

advance. Sponsored by Compton Hill M.B. Church. **Contact:** Nicole Smiley at 314/771-7971.



Date: December 12 & 19, 2015
Time: All Day
Event: Picture with “Soulful Santa”
Place: Afro World
7276 Natural Bridge Rd.

Treats for the children. Bring a canned good to share with those in need. **Contact:** 314/389-5194 or sforrest@afroworld.com.

Date: December 26, 2015
Time: 3-5 PM
Event: Kwanzaa Celebration
Place: Afro World
7276 Natural Bridge Rd.

Celebration featuring actress Redina Medley and poetic percussionist David A.M. Jackson. Bring a canned good to share with those in need. **Contact:** 314/389-5194 or sforrest@afroworld.com.

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Designates Youth and Family Event



Date: December 1, 2014 thru
February 28, 2015

Event: African-American Families of the
Ozarks

Place: The Library Center
4653 S. Campbell

A photo display showcasing African-American families throughout the Ozarks region.

Admission is free. Sponsored by the Springfield-Greene County Library District.

Contact: Kathleen O'Dell at 417/616-0564 or kathleeno@thelibrary.org.



Date: December 1, 2014 thru
February 28, 2015

Event: Celebration of Langston Hughes

Place: The Library Station
2535 N. Kansas Expressway

A display by Marcia Kellotat celebrating the life of Langston Hughes. Admission is free.

Sponsored by the Springfield-Greene County Library District. **Contact:** Kathleen O'Dell at 417/616-0564 or kathleeno@thelibrary.org.



Date: December 1, 2014 thru
February 28, 2015
Event: If Doors Could Talk
Place: Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
397 E. Central

A visual art display of various doors that speak on behalf of individuals throughout history. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Springfield-Greene County Library District. **Contact:** Kathleen O'Dell at 417/616-0564 or kathleeno@thelibrary.org.



Date: December 1, 2014 thru
February 28, 2015
Event: Because of Them We All Can
Place: Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
397 E. Central

A display of artifacts commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Freedom Summer. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Springfield-Greene County Library District. **Contact:** Kathleen O'Dell at 417/616-0564 or kathleeno@thelibrary.org.

Date: January 18, 2015
Time: 3 PM
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration
Place: Covenant of Grace
Christian Center
713 S. Newton

A celebration honoring the life and contributions of Dr. King, including musical tributes and speakers. Admission is free. Sponsored by Covenant of Grace Ministries. **Contact:** Rev. Tray Walton at 417/866-1125.



Date: January 19, 2015

Time: 9:30 AM

**Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom
March and Celebration**

**Place: Mediacom Ice Park
635 E. Trafficway**

Assemble at Mediacom Ice Park and proceed north across the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Bridge, ending at the Gillioz Theatre (325 Park Central Square). The celebration will include poetry, music, guest speakers and recognition of the NAACP Essay Contest winners. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Springfield Branch NAACP. **Contact:** Cheryl Clay at 414/501-1672 or clay_naACP4081@ymail.com.

Date: January 19, 2015

Time: Noon – 4 PM

**Event: Springfield Multicultural Festival
“Connect, Discover and Celebrate”**

**Place: Missouri State University
Hammons Hall for the
Performing Arts
525 John Q. Hammons Parkway**

An opportunity to gather various forms of information and network, while experiencing multicultural performances from around the

world. Admission is free. Sponsored by Unite of Southwest Missouri. **Contact:** Samuel Knox at 417/864-7444 or unitepublication@yahoo.com.

Date: January 20, 2015

Time: 7 – 8:30 PM

Event: Laverne Cox, Guest Speaker

Place: Missouri State University
Plaster Student Union Theatre

Laverne Cox is a critically acclaimed actress who currently appears in the original series, Orange is the New Black. Cox is the first transgender woman of color to have a leading role on a mainstream television show.

Admission is free. Sponsored by Student Activities Council. **Contact:** Grace Chang at 417/836-4626 or sac@missouristate.edu.





Date: January 29, 2015

Time: 7 – 10:30 PM

Event: The Harlem Globetrotters

Place: Missouri State University
JQH Arena

An evening of family entertainment featuring athletic expertise and humor. Admission ranges from \$19 to \$259. Tickets may be purchased by calling 417/836-7678 or at

www.missouristatetix.com.

Contact: Keith Boaz at 417/836-5240 or

KeithBoaz@missouristate.edu.



Date: January 31 – March 29, 2015

Event: A State Divided: The Civil War
In Missouri

Place: Missouri State University
Duane G. Meyer Library

A Missouri Humanities Council traveling exhibit outlining the Civil War in Missouri. Admission is free. Sponsored by Meyer Library.

Contact: James Coombs at 414/836-4534 or

Jimcoombs@missouristate.edu.

Date: February 7, 2015
Time: 11:30 AM – 4 PM
Event: Meet-and-Greet Celebration
Place: Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
397 E. Central

This program will take participants back in time to the famed 135th Street Branch Library in Harlem, NY through displays and performances. Paying tribute to the legacy of Afro-Puerto Rican historian, Arturo Alfonso Schomburg. His collections of art, literature and artifacts became the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. This program is coordinated by Peoples Etiquette and the Library in collaboration with the Springfield Branch NAACP and the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Springfield-Greene County Library District.
Contact: Kathleen O'Dell at 417/616-0564 or kathleeno@thelibrary.org.

Date: February 8-13, 2015
Event: Association of Black Collegians Black History Week
Place: Missouri State University

Admission is free. **Contact:** Office of Multicultural Programs at 417/836-5652 or diversityandinclusion@missouristate.edu.

Date: February 9, 2015
Event: Forum: Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Predominantly White Institutions
Place: Missouri State University

Admission is free. **Contact:** Office of Multicultural Programs at 417/836-5652 or diversityandinclusion@missouristate.edu.

Date: February 10, 2015
Event: Black History Movie
Place: Missouri State University

Admission is free. **Contact:** Office of Multicultural Programs at 417/836-5652 or diversityandinclusion@missouristate.edu.

Date: February 11, 2015
Event: Black History Jeopardy
Place: Missouri State University

Admission is free. **Contact:** Office of Multicultural Programs at 417/836-5652 or diversityandinclusion@missouristate.edu.

King's first book, *Stride Toward Freedom*, was published in May of 1958. While autographing copies in a Harlem department store, King was attacked and stabbed by a crazed woman who plunged a letter opener into his chest.

Quote from "Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968, An Ebony Picture Biography"

Date: February 12, 2015
Event: "Sable Sensations"
Place: Missouri State University

Sharing the African-American story through the use of various performing arts. Admission is free. **Contact:** Office of Multicultural

Programs at 417/836-5652 or
diversityandinclusion@missouristate.edu.

Date: February 13, 2015

**Event: National Black AIDS
Awareness Day**

Place: Missouri State University

HIV testing and educational information will be provided. Admission is free. **Contact:** Office of Multicultural Programs at 417/836-5652 or diversityandinclusion@missouristate.edu.

Date: February 14, 2015

Event: Race Relations Day

Place: Missouri State University

In recognition of the importance of interracial interaction, engagement and learning. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Division of Diversity and Inclusion. **Contact:** Diversity and Inclusion Office at 417/836-3736 or diversityandinclusion@missouristate.edu.



Date: February 17, 2015
Time: 7 PM
Event: “Rites of Passage”
Place: Missouri State University
Plaster Student Union Theatre

A theatrical presentation regarding the significance of rites of passages. Admission is free. **Contact:** Office of Multicultural Programs at 417/836-5652 or diversityandinclusion@missouristate.edu.

Date: February 18, 2015
Event: Guest Speaker:
Prof. Katrina Thomas
Place: Missouri State University

Professor Thomas is a faculty member at St. Louis University. She will make a presentation, followed by a book signing. Admission is free. **Contact:** Office of Multicultural Programs at 417/836-5652 or diversityandinclusion@missouristate.edu.

Date: February 20, 2015
Time: 6-9 PM
Event: Poet Pages
Place: Missouri State University
Plaster Student Union Theatre

Pages Matam is a multidimensional national touring artist, originally from Camaroon, Africa. He is a Write Bloody author, playwright and award-winning slam poet with passions in the field of education, violence and abuse trauma work, and youth advocacy. When he takes the stage as a performer or educator, be prepared to be taken on an experience of cultural, socially conscious and personal discovery. Admission is free. **Contact:** Office of Multicultural

Programs at 417/836-5652 or
diversityandinclusion@missouristate.edu.

Date: February 21, 2015

Event: Miss Black and Gold Pageant

Place: Missouri State University

A scholarship pageant hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. **Contact:** Office of Multicultural Programs at 417/836-5652 or diversityandinclusion@missouristate.edu.



Date: February 26, 2015

Time: 7:30 PM

**Event: Faculty Recital Featuring
Dr. Richard Todd Payne**

**Place: Missouri State University
Ellis Recital Hall**

A vocal presentation including a one man opera entitled, "Movin' on Up in the World," based on the life of LaFayette Draper. Admission is free.

Contact: Office of Multicultural Programs at 417/836-5652 or diversityandinclusion@missouristate.edu.

Date: February 28, 2015

Time: 10 AM

Event: Kansas City Monarchs in Our Hometown

Place: The Library Center Auditorium
4653 S. Campbell

In honor of the 90th anniversary of the KC Monarch's first Negro League World Series Championship in 1924, award-winning author Phil S. Dixon is visiting 90 cities, including Springfield, where the Monarchs played African-American teams in White City Park. Dixon, co-founder of the Negro League Baseball Museum in Kansas City, will discuss the history of African-American baseball players in the Negro Leagues through stories, poetry and photographs. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Springfield-Greene County Library District. **Contact:** Kathleen O'Dell at 417/616-0564 or kathleeno@thelibrary.org.

Date: March 21, 2015

Event: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Place: Missouri State University

A call to action to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination throughout the world. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Division of Diversity and Inclusion. **Contact:** Diversity and Inclusion Office at 417/836-3736 or diversityandinclusion@missouristate.edu.

WARRENSBURG



Designates Youth and Family Event

Date: January 14, 2015
Time: 11:45 AM
Event: MLK Community Service Awards
Place: Luigi's Italian Restaurant
121 East Pine Street

MLK Community Service Awards will be presented at the Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce monthly business luncheon. Must register at the Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce by calling 660/747-3168.

Date: January 15, 2015
Time: 10 AM
Event: Issues Forum – The Dream Still Matters
Place: University of Central Missouri
Elliott Student Union Atrium

Pledge for students to sign promoting peace.
Contact: Brianna Nesbit at 660/543-4007.

Date: January 19, 2015
Time: 9 AM – 1 PM
Event: MLK Service Day
Place: University of Central Missouri

Pre-registration required by December 12, 2014.
For registration form, go to
www.ucmo.edu/maps/mlk. **Contact:** Kristie Brinkley or Lauren Crist at 660/543-4007.



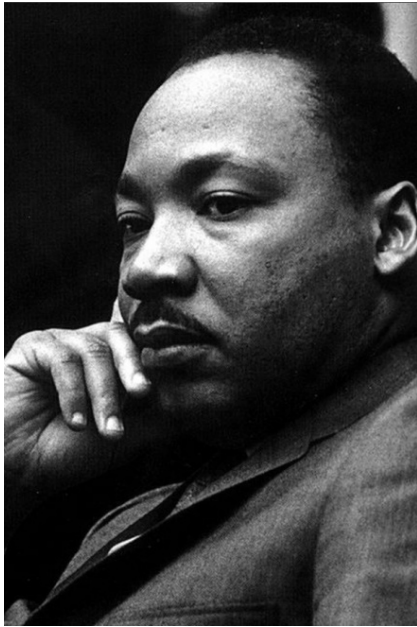
Date: January 19, 2015

Time: 6:30 PM

Event: Community Praise and Worship
Service

Place: University of Central Missouri
Hendricks Hall

Program is free and open to the public.
Sponsored by Warrensburg Ministerial
Association and the University of Central
Missouri. **Contact:** Jeff Imboden in Performing
Arts Series at 660-543-4263.



Date: January 20, 2015

Time: 12 Noon

Event: Issues Forum – Let's Talk: Civil
Rights and MLK

Place: University of Central Missouri
Elliott Student Union Café Rouge

Contact: Brianna Nesbitt at 660/543-4007.

Date: January 20, 2015
Time: 6:30 PM
Event: Freedom Scholarship Dinner
Place: University of Central Missouri
Elliott Union Ballroom (236/238/240)

Keynote speaker will be Lucas Boyce, director of Business Development and Legislative Affairs for the Orlando Magic, author of “Living Proof: From Foster Care to the White House and the NBA,” and UCM alumnus. Must pre-purchase dinner tickets in the MAPS Office, Dockery 212, phone 660/543-4156. **Contact:** Brianna Nesbitt at 660/543-4007.

Date: January 21, 2015
Time: 11 AM
Event: Student Volunteer Fair
Place: University of Central Missouri
Elliott Union Atrium

Contact: Kristie Brinkley at 660/543-4007.

A 70-year-old Negro Woman, Sister Pollard, was asked one day while walking during the bus boycotts in Selma if she didn't want a ride. When she answered “no,” the person said, “Well, aren't you tired?” And with ungrammatical profundity, she said, “My feets is tired, but my soul is rested.”

*Quote from “Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968,
An Ebony Picture Biography”*

Date: January 21, 2015
Time: 3 PM
Event: Issues Forum – The Great Debate
Place: University of Central Missouri
Elliott Student Union 237B

Contact: Brianna Nesbitt at 660/543-4007.

Date: January 21-22, 2015
Time: 10 AM – 6 PM each day
Event: Community Service Blood Drive
Place: University of Central Missouri
Elliott Union Ballroom

Be the Match: National Marrow Donor Program
(BeTheMatch.org). **Contact:** Kristie Brinkley at
660/543-4007.



**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
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Take the first step in faith. You don't have
to see the whole staircase, just take the first
step.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

If any of you are around when I have to meet my day, I don't want a long funeral. And if you get somebody to deliver the eulogy, tell him not to talk too long. And every now and then I wonder what I want him to say. Tell him not to mention that I have a Nobel Peace Prize. That isn't so important. Tell him not to mention that I have three or four hundred other awards – that's not important. Tell him not to mention where I went to school.

I'd like somebody to mention that day that Martin Luther King Jr. tried to give his life serving others. I'd like for somebody to say that day that Martin Luther King Jr. tried to love somebody. I want you to say that I tried to be right on the war question. I want you to be able to say that day that I did try to feed the hungry. I want you to say that day that I did try in my life to clothe those who were naked. I want you to say on that day that I did try in my life to visit those who were in prison. And I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity.....

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
February 1968
Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia*

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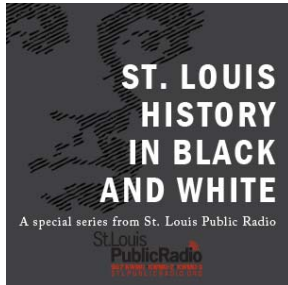


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